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J. R. DAVIS TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor of First Church, New Albany will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, January 23, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WJMB, Brookhaven.

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The Trek of a D.P.

By Arnold T. Ohrn
General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

Every now and then bombers roar overhead. At varying intervals Russian or German shells are bursting right and left. When things grow too hot, the people in the cart jump out and throw themselves flat in the ditches and fields until the heat is turned off again. There are ten of them, brother K. with his wife and two children, and another family of six. In a ceaseless stream of harassed refugees they are carried along this road in Western Latvia until they reach the sea. It is the tragic autumn of 1944.

At Niepaja the human herds, driven before the retreating Nazis, are loaded into ships, like cattle, and transported to Danzig. But there is no rest there for hapless pilgrims. They are packed in trains and shipped to Lodz. May not some of them still have strength enough to help the Wehrmacht dig trenches?

Then the tide sweeps them on again towards the West, and brother K. and his family find themselves at last behind the barbed wire of a slaving camp in Berlin.

When the men are let out, it is to help drag the dead from under the ruins in the doomed city and bury them, or to load ammunition in the midst of bursting bombs. Little food gets through to these helpless ten thousand. They grow weaker from day to day. The weak and old die first. Little children die by the hundreds.

Time and again brother K. risks death by climbing the fence when the guards are not looking, and brings back some bread or milk given him by German Baptist friends, enough to preserve the lives of his little ones.

Another wave of events carries them on to Thuringia, and one happy day, after a long time of waiting and a brief storm of shot and shell, American tanks roll into the street of the little village.

From now on our friends are "Displaced Persons." They cannot go back, and they cannot go forward, so they are cooped up in a camp, pending developments. There are scores and

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1948 Sets Record In Baptisms; Exceeds 1947 By 27,094

TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Greetings!

I find it quite difficult to try to say what I feel in my heart. The position to which you have called me is too big for me. In deepest humility I face it with all its vast responsibilities, praying that every step I shall take will be to increase that Name which is above every name. It is my earnest prayer that you will discover in me all that the words "a good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ" could possibly mean. The text of my life is "He must increase; I must decrease."

The position to which lately I have been elected unanimously by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board came as one of the greatest surprises of my entire life. Not in the slightest did I seek, in any manner whatsoever, the position. God is my witness. My sincere conviction is that

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INCREASES IN ENROLLMENTS, OFFERINGS, PROPERTY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Evangelistic fires burned brightly across the 21-state Southern Baptist Convention territory in 1948, and the denomination's 26,823 churches reported 312,246 additions by baptism — the largest number in Southern Baptist history.

Porter Routh, statistical officer, reported that the number of baptisms in 1948 exceeded the 1947 total by 27,094, and pushed the membership of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to 6,491,981. Southern Baptists do not accept infants for baptism or membership.

Sunday school enrollment jumped more than 300,000 during the year — a record in itself — to bring the total enrolled in weekly Bible study to 4,308,347, Routh reported.

Training Union enrollment was reported at 1,078,828, Woman's Missionary Society enrollment at 865,057,

and Brotherhood enrollment at 109,091, all new high marks. A total of 1,274,763 were enrolled in the summer vacation Bible schools.

Gifts for all causes by Baptist church members affiliated with the Southern Convention reached \$156,605,521, a gain of \$24,442,675 over 1947. Of this amount, \$31,750,299 was used for missions, education, and benevolences.

A total of \$3,865,790 reached the offices of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for SBC causes. Of this, \$6,000,837 was distributed among the cooperative program causes on a percentage basis.

Value of church property reached \$450,385,517, a gain of \$83,554,865. Some of this increase represents increased valuation, but most of it represents added building during the year. This figure does not include \$125,000,000 invested by the denomination in educational plants, orphanages and hospitals, but only property owned by local churches, Routh explained.

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ASSOC. MISSIONARIES TO MEET AT CLARKE

The associational missionaries of Mississippi are having their annual Institute at Clarke College, January 31 - February 3.

Dr. J. C. Williamson, of the O'Coee Association at Chattanooga, Tennessee, who has done an outstanding work, will lead conferences and speak. Dr. H. D. Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist College, will also be one of the main speakers.

Besides these out-of-state speakers, many of our leading pastors and missionaries have parts on the program.

All missionaries and pastors should send in their reservations immediately to Rev. H. T. McLaurin at Newton.

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Tavern Owner Sues Ministers

GLOBE, Ariz.—(RNS)—Four clergymen—members of the Gila County Ministerial Association — have been named defendants in a \$50,500 damage suit filed in Superior Court here.

Filing the suit was Harold Montgomery, proprietor of a Miami, Ariz., tavern where the four ministers were recently involved in a fight while attempting to collect evidence of alleged gambling and liquor law violations. The suit charged that Montgomery was hurt when a tear gun was fired

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\$50,000 Raised For Foreign Missions OFFERING UNPRECEDENTED BY LITTLE ROCK, FIRST

By Dr. B. H. Duncan
Editor, The Arkansas Baptist

January 10, 1949, Little Rock, Arkansas—An offering of \$50,000 for foreign missions was given by the First Church, Little Rock, at services Sunday, January 9, 1949.

The church auditorium was packed to capacity at the morning service. Every feature of the order of service focused attention on the big event of the hour, the offering for foreign missions. As if to celebrate the victory already won, the choir sang the anthem, "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice." The sermon by the Pastor Dr. R. C. Campbell on "Stirred Hearts" led up to the final triumph of the offering itself.

An illumined world map, symbolizing the focusing of interest on giving the light of Jesus Christ to the world, was elevated above the table where offerings were placed.

When the offering was called for, the response was immediate and spontaneous, though orderly and without confusion. Eyes were dimmed by tears as a wave of profound emotion swept over the audience, and many testified that it was the most dynamic and soul-stirring Christian service they had ever experienced.

A significant feature of this unprecedented offering for foreign missions is that it includes a tithe of the church's building fund, amounting to \$6,400. The balance of the \$50,000 of-

fering was made up by voluntary contributions.

The movement was started by a laymen who had planned to be a medical foreign missionary, but a physical handicap prevented his carrying out this plan. He asked for a conference with his pastor, and told him of his intense interest in foreign missions.

He affirmed his conviction that his church in particular and Southern Baptists in general were not supporting foreign missions to a degree commensurate with their ability or with the missionary opportunities of the world. He asked his pastor if he agreed with him in this estimate. Dr. Campbell assured him that he did.

Whereupon, this layman made the startling proposal that the First Church, of which he is a member, undertake to raise a worthy over-and-above offering for foreign missions, and he proposed to give \$10,000.

After much prayer and earnest thought the idea was presented to the Deacons. The sheer wonder and challenge of the proposal melted the hearts of the deacons.

It was decided to present the proposition to the church at prayer meeting. The church approved the proposal to challenge its members to make a worthy and sacrificial contribution to foreign missions above their regular

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\$25,000 RAISED FOR FOREIGN

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budget, and set the second Sunday in January for the ingathering of the offering.

Prayer services in behalf of the offering were held each night during the week preceding January 9.

Gifts began coming in weeks before the date set for the offering. A widow came by the pastor's home and handed him ten one-hundred dollar bills. Another elderly woman gave \$1,000. One deacon extended the loan of his home and borrowed \$500, which he gave. A salaried woman gave \$300. Another man gave \$350, the same amount he is giving to the regular budget.

One devoted woman was talking to the Lord about giving her diamond ring. She asked God if it were His will that she give the ring. He would arrange that she should visit the pastor's home the next day. As she rose from her prayer, the telephone rang. It was the pastor's wife inviting her to lunch the next day. She gave the diamond ring.

It should be stated that the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, supports liberally all causes of the denomination. The church is also in a building program and has only \$75,000 in hand for the construction of an educational building estimated to cost \$300,000. Moreover, the First Church is not a wealthy church.

Here is conclusive proof that foreign missions will not weaken the Cooperative Program; on the contrary, the Cooperative Program will be strengthened in proportion to our increased support of foreign missions. This church, which is giving \$10,000 more to the Cooperative Program than any other church in the State, has initiated a movement for larger support for foreign missions. No church which neglects the home bases upon which the foreign mission enterprise depends.

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TAVERN OWNER SUES MINISTERS

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in his face during the fracas.

Named as defendants were:

The Rev. A. Luke Fritz, pastor of the Community Presbyterian church, Miami; the Rev. Carl Baharka, pastor of the Claypool Methodist church; the Rev. D. E. Weitzel, pastor of the Baptist church of Globe; and the Rev. Melvin Laven of First Christian church here. Also named was John M. Kraft, photographer who accompanied the clergymen.

The five said earlier that they had been severely beaten when they entered Montgomery's place.

The suit seeks punitive damages of \$25,000, compensation damages of \$25,000 and hospital and attorney fees of \$500.

Meanwhile Mr. Laven, a member of the Social Action Committee of the Ministerial Association, said evidence of liquor law violations in Gila County would be presented to the state superintendent of liquor control.

Laven's announcement came during a radio broadcast in which it was reported that the Social Action Committee had evidence to indicate that liquor was being sold to minors. It was alleged that 16 of 19 places in the county area sold intoxicants to a certain minor.



"Brother K was thirty yards away from this house in Liepaja when the bomb struck it. He helped drag the wounded out of the burning building. The boy on the top of the cartload is

his little son Andris. The artist, S. Cidbergs, is a Latvian refugee still in the D. P. camp at Esslingen, near Stuttgart."

THE TREK OF A D.P.

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scores of these camps with hundreds and hundreds of thousands of fugitives from the East. No homes, no clothes, no country, no jobs, no hope, nobody in the wide world who wants them—that is the sad story for years of a million D. P.s.

Dr. W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance finally, with the help of Baptist money, got brother K. and his family out of the camp and aboard a steamer bound for the U. S. A. Early in 1947, after a long trek of two and a half years, our D. P.s—Delayed Pilgrims as some one has called them—set foot in the "land of the free."

And thus I introduce to you the Rev. Adolph Klaupiks, one time General Secretary of the Latvian Baptist Union, today Field Representative of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, working to find homes for some of the seven hundred thousand homeless left behind. Can you wonder that his heart is in the work? Will you do your bit to help him?

That is the main thing we are going to do with the offerings our fellowship receives on B. W. A. Sunday, February 6th.

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CHARLES E. WALKER

On December 24, 1948, Charlie E. Walker, age 64, died at his home in Mendenhall. He was a member of the Mendenhall church from which funeral services were held December 25. Rev. C. C. Jones, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. C. C. Jones, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Porter Carraway of Bogalusa, La., a nephew of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife, one daughter Miss La Vert Walker, Mendenhall; three sons, Lt. P. M. Walker, U. S. N., Washington, D. C., A. L. Walker, Ruleville, Charles L. Walker, Tylertown, and four grandchildren.

A native of Simpson County, Mr. Walker had served as deputy sheriff for several sheriffs. He was also employed at the State Penitentiary 16 years.

DAN MOULDER RETIRED; IS BUSIER THAN EVER

Rev. Dan W. Moulder says that although he has given up his pastorate, his friends have graciously taken care of his finances. On his 81st birthday he received \$146 from thoughtful friends, and at Christmas 152 remembered him with cards, others with gifts, including \$200 in cash.

Since he retired a year ago, Mr. Moulder has preached every Sunday except three. And during the past year he conducted 150 funerals, 24 more than he had conducted in any year during his 52 years of active pastorate. Only 15 of these paid his expenses.

Mr. Moulder receives a check each month from the Relief and Annuity Board and recommends that other pastors and churches take advantage of this plan.

During his 53 years of service, Mr. Moulder has preached 17,700 sermons, baptized 5,142 people, performed 430 marriage ceremonies, and conducted 2,635 funerals.

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MINISTER'S WIVES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

New Officers for the remainder of the school year at Mississippi College were elected by the Ministers' Wives Association on Thursday evening, January 13th. Those elected were:

President — Mrs. John Bridges.
Vice President — Mrs. Albert Clark.
Secretary — Mrs. Wm. Heath.
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Joe Cothen.
Treasurer — Mrs. Lacerne Inzer.
Chorister — Mrs. Richmond Hancock.
Pianist — Mrs. J. E. Moak.
Social Chairman — Mrs. Homer Ainsworth.
Missionary Chairman — Mrs. Gene Keen.

It was brought up that the nursery at the college, was badly in need of new or used toys. The group agreed to have as a missionary activity for the month the project of bringing anything suitable for the nursery to the next meeting.

After the business meeting, Mrs. J. D. Aycock gave a short impressive devotional on the subject "Friendship and Love."

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
A. M. Gilsson from Second Church, Ocala, Fla. to New Hope Church, Whiteville, N. C.

A. Douglas Aldrich from North Springfield Church, Springfield, Tenn. to First Church, LaFollette, Tenn.

John Daniel has resigned as pastor of the Northwest Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Edgar Jacks from First Church, Pryor, Okla. to First Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Jay E. Dixon from Emmanuel Church, Weatherford, Texas to First Church, Adams, Okla.

William McMurry from Baptist Temple, Huntington, West Virginia to Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, Kentucky.

John D. Boykin assistant pastor at Twenty-third and Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky to pastorate of Shawnee Church, Louisville.

Clayton Day to First Church, McLean, Texas.

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ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi sent \$23,319 during the month of December. Of this amount, \$1,704 was designated and the remainder was for the Cooperative Program.

TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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God called me to serve you.

It is my fixed determination to give our beloved Executive Secretary my uttermost loyalty. I will do all within my power to undergird him for larger service. He will decide the beachhead; I will lead in its occupation. The function of Assistant Executive Secretary demands transparent sincerity, thinking above prejudice, fair and impartial attitudes toward all our churches, institutions, pastors, missionaries, special secretaries and their helpers and departments. In every relationship and in all decisions I will seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

It is well known that Dr. McCall has given himself beyond his strength to lead Mississippi Baptists on a greater march for the Master. He needs a man upon whom he can lean, a man loyal to Christ in every department of life, a man loyal to the great program of Mississippi Baptists. To such loyalty I pledge you, my dear friends in Christ Jesus, the deepest devotion of my soul. I will do all within my strength to be loyal to Christ. Christ will be first. There can be no disloyalty when one walks in the footsteps of Jesus.

May I ask that, out of the abundance of your goodness, you will pray for me. Pray that increasingly I shall magnify Christ in every department of the great work to which God has called me. Pray that I shall find strength and wisdom to help lead Mississippi Baptists on the march for the Master in every hamlet, village, countryside, town and city, in all our churches, in our hospital, in our orphanage, and in our colleges.

My life is dedicated to our Baptist Zion. Let us march in lockstep with the Master.

Very sincerely yours,
WILLIAM P. DAVIS

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I
We are happy to welcome to the position of Assistant Executive Secretary Rev. William F. Davis of Hollandale. He comes with many qualifications in native ability, educational preparations, business like qualities, and spirituality. Already we have heard many expressions of appreciation over his election by the Executive Committee.

For several years we have keenly felt the need for an assistant, but realizing it would entail an additional expense of several thousand dollars we continued to bear the entire responsibility. It is with genuine appreciation that we look forward to having this comrade in service in a closer walk.

Even as he will have certain administrative duties, he will certainly desire to continue in the preaching of the gospel. Use him freely.

II
We are sometimes asked "Why can't we pay so-and-so?" Answer: We work under instructions from the Convention, the Convention Board, and the Executive Committee. We follow instructions.

State Missions does not help buy seating or other equipment for a church. It does not help build the home for the pastor. These things are worthy. Sometimes a church is "bled white" in a building program and needs help for equipment. However, State Mission money has not been in hand for those worthy things.

All State Missions appropriations are made upon the condition that enough State Mission money is received to allow payment. Such monies come from (1) the Co-operative Program, (2) designations. You may be surprised at some churches and some Sunday schools that go one whole year without contributing one cent to State Missions. "Let us not love in word only," I John 3:18.

III
It would be well for our people to remember that all budgets are fixed at a maximum. It is our opinion that more often all monies provided for in a budget are not fully used.

In the case of the budget for the Convention Board office, since it was the first time we had worked under a budget for this office, since new and costly phases of the work will be introduced, and since it was imperative that we stay within that budget, the total was set at a safe working margin.

For each of the last three years the overhead for preaching and promotional expense has been at an all time low of 3 per cent. Even should all the budget monies provided for this year be used the overhead should still not be over 4 or 5 per cent. Still further, by reading our monthly financial report published in the Baptist Record, it is seen that some 95 to 97c out of every dollar goes on out into the work. We doubt if a single church in Mississippi or elsewhere could equal this record. Study your own church records, seeing how much money is used by the local church and how much is sent out for the rest of the world. You will find that your Mississippi Baptist work will compare favorably along this or any other line within the state and beyond the state.

In the next place, the Convention Board office budget does not come out of State Missions as some have suggested.

The work of the Convention Board office must go on if the cooperative christian work of our churches is to go on in large proportions. The Convention Board office is the only office of any sort related to Mississippi Baptist life that serves and promotes all causes, agencies, and institutions, local, associational,

state, southwide, and worldwide.

It takes five bookkeepers full time handling the monies and the records of 350,000 Mississippi Baptists with their 1584 churches. This one thing alone properly suggests the tremendous sweep and scope of the greatest of all businesses in which we are engaged.

When someone suggests or shows us better how to do the work and more economically it will be done that way.

Mississippi Baptists are on the march!

IV
For the information of the brethren, proper applications for State Mission help must be made in writing to the Convention Board and prior to the meeting of that board.

Second, building appropriations are paid only upon written statement setting forth the fact that building operations are well under way.

Third, pastoral aid checks are sent about the 10th of the month, and only after receiving written reports. These report blanks are furnished by the Convention Board office. The blanks are to be filled out at the end of the month, reporting work done that month.

We try to be as helpful as possible in these matters and hope all will feel free in asking questions.

V
We think many of you will be interested in seeing how Mississippi stands among the other State Conventions during the last ten years. We refer to the major items as Co-operative Program contributions, total offerings, and baptisms. While Mississippi is listed with the lowest per capita income, you will find that Mississippi Baptists stand well up among the other 19 state conventions in contributions and baptisms. It is in joy and humility that we call to your attention the love and loyalty making this record possible. The picture follows:

MISSISSIPPI'S STATUS AMONG THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION		
Lists of States in		
Co-operative Program Gifts	Total Gifts	Baptisms
1938 Eleventh	Eleventh	Ninth
1939 Eleventh	Eleventh	Ninth
1940 Eleventh	Tenth	Eighth
1941 Eleventh	Eleventh	Ninth
1942 Eleventh	Ninth	Seventh
1943 Eleventh	Tenth	Seventh
1944 Ninth	Eighth	Sixth
1945 Eighth	Ninth	Eighth
1946 Tenth	Eleventh	Eighth
1947 Tenth	Tenth	Eighth

VI
A younger preacher came to us the other day almost heartbroken because gossips were trying to break his ministry.

On another field a person tried to stain the name of one of the greatest Christian leaders we know. We just could not have it so.

Just yesterday another pastor, an older man, came to us almost crushed because of a similar situation.

As a young minister a loathsome gossip came whispering the question about how a certain religious leader got so many houses.

Years later while in the eastern part of the state another loathsome gossip came whispering a question as to how another fine Christian leader got so much money and land.

These things to us are very repulsive. We do not see how Christian men and women can engage in such talk. We rather expect it from others. Read carefully the first chapter of Romans and the first chapter of I Timothy.

VII
From twenty-four years in the pastorate and ten years in this work, we offer the following observations. First, we have a greater faith than ever in the Person,

Edwin E. Daniel Ordained



EDWIN E. DANIEL

Edwin E. Daniel has been ordained by the Hepzibah Church to the full ministry of the gospel, and is now a student at Clarke College.

The ordination council met on December 29, and after questioning him the church proceeded with the ordination.

Rev. G. T. Dukes preached the ordination sermon. The charge was given by Rev. W. H. Wood. Pastor Alvin R. Smith presented the Bible, and Rev. O. C. Chance led the ordination prayer.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

Power, and Presence of God. At times some men have failed us, but God has never failed us.

Second, Jesus is a more wonderful Saviour than ever.

He is the only Saviour!

Third, we believe more than ever in more men than ever before. We include, of course, boys, girls, and women, in that general term men. As a whole, they never let us down in a single pastorate, and they have largely helped make our ministry on the human side in this work.

Fourth, we know more than ever that God's work will progress as God's way is outlined in the Bible. This refers to soul winning, tithes and offerings, democratic and spiritual procedures in His church and work, cooperative efforts on the part of His people, etc.

Fifth, it amazes us how God carries on His work with the little help he has at times.

Sixth, we are more than ever convinced that God will win!

VIII

Here and there we hear it charged that in our churches we are getting away from the use of the Bible. Is it true? Do we make large use of the Bible as the very word of God? Do we so use it in the pulpit at all times? Do we so use it at all times in the Sunday School class, the Worker's Council, the Teacher's meeting? Think if you will of a Bible class or a Bible school leaving aside the Bible! Do we make large use of the word of God in the other phases of His work! His people using His word in His work according to His will claiming His blessing! His word is to be used! "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

Our good friend C. Z. Holland humbled us and challenged us one time by saying we used more Scripture in our writing than most any person he knew. It humbled us that it was appreciated! It challenged us to continue in the large use of His word! Of course we know many others use it more largely and more effectively! However, we can try and see our own row! Doxology!

IX

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58.

Dr. Truett used to challenge our hearts as he spoke of the dependable man. The man who may be counted upon. The man who stands for the right always. The man who keeps on standing for the right. Paul is certainly thinking about that man in the challenge of the verse quoted above.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board met in the office of the Executive Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, Friday, January 7. Members present were: President, J. D. Ray; Vice-President, G. O. Parker; Recording Secretary, Fred B. Bookter; Executive Secretary, D. A. McCall; W. L. Meadows; C. W. Thompson; Wayne Alliston; H. A. Scott; M. D. Morton; Fred B. Moseley; Howard H. Aultman; E. D. Hurst; and F. K. Horton. Others present were W. P. Davis, newly elected Assistant Executive Secretary, M. F. Rayburn, out-going Assistant Executive Secretary, and Virgil Ratcliff, assistant recording secretary.

Business and professional out of state trips were approved for various staff members.

The Executive Secretary reported that State Mission reserve funds had been invested in G. bonds.

Hearty appreciation was expressed for the services of Mr. M. F. Rayburn, outstanding layman and business man, as part time Assistant Executive Secretary for the past several months. Rev. W. P. Davis, Hollandale, was presented and given a royal welcome as full time Assistant Executive Secretary. His office will be in the Baptist Building as he assumes the duties of his office February 7.

The following appropriations were made:

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College for Bible teaching \$50.00 per month.

Perkinson Junior College for Bible teaching \$20.00 per month.

New Prospect Baptist Church, Lincoln County, \$125.00 church building aid.

Bunkley Baptist Church, Adams-Franklin Association, \$10.00 per month pastoral aid.

Cranfield Baptist Church, Adams-Franklin Association, \$10.00 per month pastoral aid.

\$25.00 per month was granted for work among the Latvians who live near Senatobia.

Jasper County Association was granted \$250.00 for associational missions.

Alcorn Association was granted \$50.00 per month for associational missions.

Some requests were deferred to the next meeting for further consideration.

The Executive Committee has not made a practice of reconsidering requests already acted upon by the Board. Therefore, it was felt no action could be taken upon a few such requests presented at this meeting. Mrs. David Livingston of Decatur was elected as B. S. U. secretary at East Central Junior College.

A motion was passed to the effect that all interest accruing from allocations to churches and which were placed for investment with the Foundation go into State Missions unless otherwise provided for.

Rev. G. O. Parker, Carthage, Rev. Fred B. Bookter, McComb, Mrs. A. B. Adams, Clarksdale, and Mr. C. A. Barge, Jackson, were named to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Board of Trustees.

A motion unanimously prevailed endorsing three transfers in personnel made necessary due to losses of staff members by death or resignation.

As already listed all members of the Executive Committee were present for the session which lasted throughout the day. A fine spirit prevailed.

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Whose Unity?

According to a Religious News Service dispatch: "Roman Catholics in all parts of the world will join in prayer for Religious Unity during the church unity Octave, January 18-25. Inaugurated forty years ago by the founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, the Octave has as its general theme the 'return of all the other sheep to one fold.'"

According to the above, evidently the prayers are not to be for church unity, but that everybody shall come into the Catholic church. Any denomination is in favor of that kind of unity. We Baptists would be glad to have church unity, provided everybody will become Baptists. We are certain that the same could be said of any other denomination.

So instead of stating that the prayers are to be for church unity, it should be stated that they are for the Catholic fold.

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Information About Baptist Work

On page 3 is an article concerning the meeting of the Executive Committee on January 7, written by our Executive Secretary Dr. D. A. McCall. It tells what the Executive Committee did in the name of Mississippi Baptist to read this important report for many of them do not get the Baptist Record.

We do urge all who do get the Record to turn now to that article and read it carefully. Then when uniformed people make reckless remarks unfounded charges, you will know what has been done. It pays to be informed. This article will help do that.

After reading the article, pass your Baptist Record on to someone who does not get it and ask them to read every page, but emphasize the Executive Committee article.

"Informed Baptists are better Baptists."

Layman Challenges His Church

We urge every reader of the Baptist Record to carefully read the article on page one concerning the \$50,000 offering for foreign missions by the First church of Little Rock, Arkansas.

This offering shows unmistakably that there are vast sums of money in the possession of God's people that can easily be channeled into Kingdom interests. This offering has helped, not hurt, the Co-operative Program in this church. Those people will not be satisfied after this mountain-top experience to be penurious in giving to all our causes. It has loosened the purse strings of their liberality. Many of them know now that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." At the same time it has broadened their vision of a lost world and we realize more clearly our responsibility to this lost world.

This offering is added evidence that we are but touching the hem of the garment for foreign missions. We need to face squarely the fact that Southern Baptists, averaging only about 70 cents per capita for foreign missions, cannot meet the needs of this destiny-laden hour.

Concerning this mountain top experience, Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First church, Little Rock, said:

"The conviction has grown on us that if the six million members of the Communist party in Russia can extend the kingdom of Communism to cover more than half the population of the world in a short time, that six and one-fourth million Southern Baptists, if alerted and challenged to a militant conquest of a lost world for Christ, can extend His Kingdom over the face of the entire world. Communists are seeking to destroy the Bible, churches, every vestige of Christianity. They regard religion as Enemy Number One. If they can militantly, aggressively, doggedly seek to destroy the Bible and Christianity, should not Christianity seek sacrificially to give the Bible, with its message, to the whole world?"

"We are capable of, and are under bounden obligation to send an army of missionaries to the nations who know not our Savior, Christ, not Communism, is the answer to the world's needs. Christ, and Christ alone, is the one hope

for lasting peace."

We are saying all through our Southern Baptist Zion in these days, "Christ is the answer." If He is, and He is, then we are betraying a lost world if we fail to make Him known.

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Deacons Are Human

There are two kinds of jokes that we thoroughly dislike, the mother-in-law joke and the joke that belittles deacons.

As pastor and as state workers we have had dealings with many deacons. None of them were perfect, some less perfect than others. But as a class we will put the deacons against any other class to be found. Often when others are sound asleep, the deacons are meeting to plan for a better program or to devise plans for paying a burdening debt or how to help the pastor. Hardly a public prayer is made in our churches that does not include a plea for the pastor but seldom are the deacons included in our prayers.

Just as pastors and people need prayer and plenty of it, so do our deacons. The most of them are consecrated, faithful, hard-working, liberal, Christian men, deserving of our best support.

Recently Dr. Harvey T. Whatley, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue church, New Orleans wrote an article with the same title as this editorial. It expresses our sentiments concerning deacons and is therefore reproduced below:

Deacons are human. A good deal is being said and written about deacons at the present time, most of which, I regret to say, is more or less uncomplimentary. Why these men should be subjected to so much critical examination and treatment as a class, I am not able to understand. Most deacons are honorable men. Many of them are hard working and faithful. Some are outstanding examples of the finer graces of Christian living, and the churches have profited and are profiting by their fidelity.

Deacons are human, and therefore absolute perfection is not to be expected or required of them. They are representative of the churches, and if unworthy men have sometimes been chosen for this office, it is the fault of the church making the choice. Where there is outstanding unworthiness, it is altogether possible that there will be some characteristic of the church of which it will be typical. The solution of the problem would seem to be a higher conception of spiritual living on the part of the entire church and a thorough-going reconsecration to its high and holy purposes.

Deacons are human. That is to say they are apt to err. They should realize that being a deacon, or a minister, does not necessarily im-

ply soundness of judgement or reasonableness of disposition. Only those who realize their limitations as men and are seeking to improve the quality of their living are worthy of either of these exalted offices in the church.

Deacons are human. They have feelings like other men. It is very regrettable that they are sometimes subjected to unmerited and thoughtless criticism by those whom they are trying to serve. Preachers ought to know all about this, and should attempt to discourage the harsh and reckless attitudes sometimes shown toward these church officers.

Deacons are human and some deacons are inclined to be arbitrary and unreasonable, but not most of them.

Deacons are human, and therefore they should not be continued indefinitely in an office where it may become difficult after a few years to view things in proper perspective. The obvious answer to the solution of the average deacon problem in a Baptist church is the system of rotation, whereby a given number of men is elected and an equal number retired each year, with a standing and unalterable provision that no man can succeed himself after serving his regular term until one year has elapsed.

A man who has not "used the office. . . well" will not be considered for re-election. Some will ask not to be recalled. New and better qualified men will sometimes be available; and, all in all, there are so many advantages and so few disadvantages to the plan that it seems strange that more churches have not adopted it.

Deacons are human, as is shown sometimes when a church attempts to introduce this plan and opposition appears among deacons who are apt to be affected. Many and varied may be the motives of such opposition, but usually quiet and prayerful persistence on the part of those who favor the plan will result in its adoption.

Brethren, let's try to love and to understand our deacons, this is better than unbrotherliness anytime; and to "honor them for their works' sake." Let the church member or the pastor who is tempted to find fault look first at his own life.

We must have more tranquility and harmony in our churches. Strife in our official circles is scandal before the world.

Deacons are human, but they that "use the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree (win a good position for themselves — Moffatt), and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Southern Theological Seminary Reviewed

By Rev. Thad Persons
Talbotton, Georgia

I spent my vacation last fall at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary attending classes in the graduate school and in the undergraduate department.

I. The President

The six years Dr. Ellis A. Fuller has served have been years of advance for the Seminary.

In 1947, there was added to Norton Hall a new classroom wing, which provided for an attractive student center, a reception room with a lunch counter, a post office, and a branch of the Baptist Book Store in which are sold annually \$70,000 worth of the best books.

A three-acre tract, which makes available an adequate site for the new chapel, has been added. One unit of an apartment for furloughed missionaries is under construction, and a dormitory for married students is being planned.

Three tennis courts have been completed and dedicated. An athletic program which includes touch football and soft ball has been introduced.

His greatest contribution has been in the appreciable increase in the faculty, now numbering 31.

II. Faculty

I was pleasantly surprised at the quality and the type of teaching being done. Those on the faculty are progressive, quite alert to the spiritual and ethical crisis of our day.

III. THE STUDENTS

A total of 995 choice men and women from our leading Baptist colleges, state universities, and other schools and representing six foreign countries, the District of Columbia, and 33 states are enrolled. Only 10 percent of the students are not college men. A few negroes have been taught by the Seminary professors in their offices and homes. In Norton Chapel, September 6, 1948, two negro men received degrees in the presence of an appreciative audience.

There are for students the following Religious Activities Groups: Hospital, Institutional, Evangelistic (students preach on the streets), Negro Work (students teach Sunday school classes and preach in negro churches), Missionary Teaching, and Church Activities or Pastoral. According to the Missionary Day Report for October 1948, 328 students are serving pastorates and 433 students preached during the month.

IV. THE SEMINARY

The Seminary needs to increase the size of its faculty, and to erect additional apartment buildings to accommodate hundreds of students with families.

The endowment of the Seminary is \$2,068,413. Through the influence of the alumni in pastorates and in other places of leadership, the Seminary has been a unifying factor in the life and thought of Southern Baptists. Fifty-three percent of the men and women of our Foreign Mission Board were trained at the Southern Seminary. The majority of the teachers of Bible in our Baptist colleges were trained at Louisville.

As I read in A. T. Robertson's book *THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF JOHN A. BROADUS* of the pathos of the Seminary's struggle for final success, I was conscious of a noble history of sacrifice and of heroism. The achievement of Boyce and Broadus ought to fire the blood of each lover of Christian education.

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Here is the way



GOING TO THE CONVENTION AT OKLAHOMA CITY? . . . Then be sure to make your reservation early — but not before February 1. No request for reservations will be considered, that is post-marked, before February 1, 1949. You may make your reservations by writing on February 1 or later to Committee on Room Reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention, 223 1-2 Northwest First Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Be sure to include the following information (1) Date and hour of arrival (2) Whether you are driving or coming by train or plane (3) How long you expect to stay.

BAPTIST YOUTH CONGRESS TO MEET IN STOCKHOLM

C. Oscar Johnson, President, Baptist World Alliance

One of the most important meetings of the summer will be the assembling of Baptist youth in Stockholm, Sweden, August 3-9, 1949.

All over the United States and Canada plans must be made early for a large delegation from every convention and section to attend this important Congress. Already half a dozen groups have been organized for this trip. Some of them are already filled. The important thing to consider in your particular area is the setting up of plans to assist as many young people as possible to attend this important meeting.

The attendance upon these meetings will give a wider vision to our Baptist young people, will send them back to their various communities inspired to do more than they have ever done to assist the world that is in desperate need. Churches and pastors should co-operate with any young person who is desirous of making this journey and attending these meetings. We should make careful selection of our foremost leaders, urge them to go, and, wherever necessary, assist them.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell, member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and also secretary of the Youth Committee on the Alliance, 161-8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, will be glad to give any information and help that is needed in making plans to attend this Congress.

The Baptist World Alliance is tremendously concerned in doing all in its power to encourage our Baptist youth around the world to affiliate themselves with this great world movement. Baptists have ecumenicity all their own and that should encourage Baptists to attend this Congress and to help to inspire the young leaders to do a great work in the years just ahead.

No more important meeting for the life of young men and women in our Baptist churches has been held, or will be held, for a long time than this one in Stockholm. It will be inspiring, informing and very important in the life of the world. It is the hope of the officers of the Alliance that it will be one of the best meetings ever sponsored by us, or by any organization connected with our Baptist fellowship.

Do not hesitate to call upon Dr. Leavell, or the Alliance office in Washington, D. C. We are awaiting the requests and inquiries so we may assist.

JUDGE BARS STATE AID FOR CHURCH HOSPITALS

FRANKFORT, Ky. —(RNS)— A Kentucky circuit judge has barred state aid for church-backed or other private hospitals.

If upheld by the Court, the ruling will wipe out \$190,000 allocated to three hospitals under a 1948 Legislature Act.

Circuit Judge W. B. Ardery ruled that the State Constitution bars use of state tax money to aid institutions the state neither owns nor controls. He cited also a constitution ban against aiding religious organizations which had been allocated aid by the State Building Commission under the 1948 Act are:

Our Lady of Peace, Louisville Catholic institution, allocated \$130,000 by the state for a proposed 108-bed hospital for intensive mental treatment.

Norton Infirmary Louisville Episcopal institution, allocated \$60,000 for its 121-bed psychiatric addition.

Hayswood Hospital, non-denominational institution at Maysville, Ky., allocated \$10,000 for adding a floor to its public facilities.

Other institutions which have sought aid include the \$3,500,000 Methodist-Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, and Methodist Hospital at Pikeville.

(Editor's Note: Baptists do not believe in union of church and state. Note that the above list of hospitals seeking state aid does not include the Baptist hospital in Louisville nor any other Baptist institution.)

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RAYMOND J. JEFFREYS, AUTHOR of "GOD IS MY LANDLORD," a best seller in the religious field, has written a new book which everyone who believes in Temperance will want to read. It is the true real-life story of a notorious bandit and bootlegger who was the Public Enemy No. 1, during the "Gay Nineties" . . . He "hit the sawdust trail" at a Billy Sunday tabernacle meeting and then became a sensational liquor investigator. The book is called "THE FABULOUS 'DUTCH' ZELLERS." Dutch really drags the liquor business out into the open and rips off its mask of respectability for the benefit of the young folks who are falling for the west propaganda. The daring experiences and colorful life of Dutch Zellers make more exciting reading than fiction. Zellers and Jeffreys are both going to autograph the first edition. They are beautifully bound with a regular hard book-cover, with a gorgeous colored jacket, and illustrated with rare old pictures. The regular retail price will be \$2.50 — but this first limited advance edition will be only \$2. Send your order to Capitol College Press, Suite 304, 71 E. State St., Columbus 15, O.

TOBACCO IS A MURDERER

By William James Robinson, A.M., D.D.

My thesis is that tobacco reduces its user's efficiency, lessens his happiness and usefulness, impairs his health, shortens his life, displeases God and in no case does him any good.

There are no corporations more concerned about what impairs health and endangers lives than insurance companies; and very likely no other groups can speak more authoritatively than they do. The New England Life Insurance Company published in 1911 the following data from 180,000 policyholders, covering 60 years; where the maximum of expected deaths was 100, of tobacco abstainers only 59 died, of rare users only 71 died, of temperate users only 84 died, and of moderate users 93 died. Excessive users were not accepted by the company.

Charles F. Emerson, Secretary of Dartmouth College made a statistical record of the students attending that college since 1868; quote "The average age of death for those who used tobacco in college is 49 years and nine months while for those who did not use tobacco is 59 years and 4 months or nearly ten years in favor of the non-user." This is pretty strong evidence against tobacco using.

Dr. Hammond of Baltimore said: "As a physician of forty year's practice, I give as my decided opinion that tobacco has killed ten men where whiskey has killed one."

Dr. Matthew Woods, of Philadelphia, said: "We positively know that tobacco causes heart diseases, diseases of the nerves and mucous membrane, and that it diminishes the possibility of recovery from any disease."

Tobacco is a killer and only a killer. How can it be any thing else since its smoke contains 19 of the deadliest poisons we have and not even a trace of food or medicine?

The findings of Dr. Pearl of Johns Hopkins, University and the research workers of the Mayo Foundation show conclusively that tobacco reduces the efficiency, injures the health, maiming, and even killing many thousands of Americans every year. When we realize that more than fifty per cent of adult males of this country smoke to excess and that according to the reliable and unquestioned statistics of Dr. Pearl, nearly 40,000 of every 100,000 heavy smokers in this country die between the ages of 30 and 50.

The Mayo Foundation shows that "coronary disease of the heart is six times as prevalent among heavy smokers as among non-smokers and that the mortality rate of heavy smokers, between the ages of thirty and fifty, is apparently twice as high as non-smokers." — E. L. Woods, M. D.

MISSIONARIES TO STAY AT POST IN CHINA

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Most foreign missionaries in China have remained at their posts and will continue to do so, even though the Communists gain control of the government, according to a report released here by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

In a survey of 16 groups responsible for the bulk of Protestant mission work in China, the Conference found that of 1,758 Christian workers and missionaries only 137 have withdrawn. Most of those who withdrew, the report said, were wives of missionaries with small children and missionaries scheduled for retirement.

The report disclosed that at present 115 missionaries are in Communist-controlled or immediately threatened areas.

Federal Council Promotes Super Church Plans To Capture South; Tables Motion on Christ's Deity

By Glenwood Blackmore

The fortieth anniversary convention of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in Cincinnati in December took further steps toward the development of a great "super church" in the United States.

The Council-bred National Council of churches of Christ in the USA was much of the minds of the delegates. A report on progress of denominational approval was read by Dean Luther A. Weigle, president-emeritus of the Yale Divinity School. He said that fourteen denominations with membership of 23,483,989 persons had approved; that two Churches, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and the United Lutheran Church of America, are still weighing the matter, and that no action so far has been taken by nine other Churches with total membership of 2,190,672.

Delegates to the meeting also approved two other recommendations on the proposed National Council. They agreed that the Council's executive committee be authorized to determine when the actions by member communion constitute a sufficient basis for final decision on the merger. They also decided that the executive committee be authorized to represent the Federal Council in all matters pertaining to the proposed merger, including plans for a constituting convention to inaugurate the proposed National Council.

The proposed National Council would combine the functions of eight inter-denominational bodies. These are the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education, the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, the United Stewardship Council and United Council of Church Women.

Planning Behind the Scenes

While officially denying that the NCCUSA would in any way become a super church, leaders were engaged in sub rosa meetings to "take immediate steps to draft a plan of organic union" for thirty denominations. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Dr. Douglas Horton were directing the "unofficial" proceedings. They quite frankly told intimates that "we have been cooperating so splendidly on a national level in the Federal Council, that the task will be far less difficult than was at first anticipated." Bishop Oxnam indicated that the "little fellows" might well be ignored and cited these figures:

"Of the 256 Protestant denominations in this country, thirteen churches have eighty-two per-cent of all the churches, all of which have more than 10,000 members each, have 97.4 per cent of the membership, leaving 201 denominations to share the remaining 2.6 per cent of the members."

The machinery for controlling expansion of "non-Council" churches was oiled and perfected. Methods for churching new housing areas was a matter of chief consideration by the Joint Commission on Planning and Adjustment of Local Interchurch Relations. Already many churches affiliated with the NAE and the ACCC have felt the "pinch" of this body which works in close cooperation with government. When the super church

begins to function the pressures will become terrific.

Capturing the South

The rapid growth of local councils of churches reported by Dr. J. Quinter Miller indicates the success with which the super-church program is developing. Especially is this true in the South where the Southern Baptists have blocked the FCCCA. Southern Baptist pastor are falling in line in local councils and the machinery is already in operation to take these over into state councils and then into the super-church.

At present there are 227 state, city and county councils of churches with employed executive leadership, and 485 state, city and county councils with voluntary leadership, comprising an over-all total of 712. Dr. Miller disclosed that plans were under way for a Southwestern Inter-Council office to guide the organization of new councils. A similar office in the southeastern part of the United States is already in operation.

Deity of Christ Is Issue

Reaffirmation of the Executive Committee's interpretation of the Council's stand on the deity of Christ was likewise heartening to some evangelicals. The heroic stand of delegates of the Reformed Church in America on this theological issue warmed our hearts. THE RCA has had its doubts about the FCCCA's theology for some time. Its last Synod voted to remain in the organization with the understanding that its representatives would seek to secure further assurance on doctrine. When the smooth running machinery at Cincinnati was suddenly stopped by an RCA delegate demanding a reaffirmation of the deity of Christ, the "fear of the Lord" was upon the assembly. But the fear and trembling did not last long. The suave, capable and ingenious general secretary of the Council, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, was on his feet with an old document. It had been drafted five years ago by the Executive Committee and was at that time generally satisfactory to "liberal" and "orthodox" alike. This was hurriedly reaffirmed. But the RCA delegates were not yet satisfied. It was proposed that the interpretation be made a part of the constitution of the Council and its affirmation a prerequisite of membership.

Again the "fear of the Lord" was in the hearts of all. Under the terms of the constitution any changes or amendments must be considered by the Council's constituent churches before final action. Imagine how Bishop Oxnam and his "liberal" brethren in the Methodist house of bishops must have felt! to raise such an issue of Christian doctrine in the denominations now controlled by "liberals" would have been devastating. A virtual theological war would have been declared that could have split them to smithereens. Some expert in parliamentary procedure moved that the motion be laid on the table. And it was. As matters now stand the FCCCA is no more orthodox than it was five years ago and everybody knows how orthodox it was then.

In this connection it is interesting to note that two new churches were received into membership at Cincinnati: The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and the Romanian Orthodox Church of America.

The former is looked upon by evangelical Quakers as tinctured with Unitarianism and the latter is known to practice Mariolatry.

So the major business of the Council in the coming year will be material, not spiritual. Despite a deficit of \$29168 for the past fiscal year, the Rockefellers and the Dulles made possible an increase of \$30,000 in receipts over the previous year. A half million at least will be spent next year in FCCCA's "multifarious utilities."

Evangelicals who know why they are evangelicals and who are in earnest about it found little at Cincinnati that would increase their faith in the Council. In fact, evidence of the rapid growth of the new "super church" will only spur them to new activity in the spread of the Gospel of the Son of God and in the development of their own thoroughly evangelical agencies.

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IN MEMORY OF TOM LOFTON WHO DIED Jan. 5, 1948

"Papa Tom" has gone to heaven,
Our hearts are sad and lone
Since God saw fit to call him there
To worship 'round His throne.

While here on earth he ever prayed,
That we should follow nigh
The pathway that our Savior trod,
And meet him there on high.

Each night around his fire-side there,
He had the Bible read.
Then pled for us in humble prayer,
Before he went to bed.

Many friends miss him so
Around the old-home place.
His gentle voice, his prayers in church,
His kind and smiling face.

And now that he has gone to heaven
We miss his love and care,
But one day at life's setting sun,
We'll meet him over there.

Sadly Missed By Family
By JOE A. GRIFFING

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Spurgeon's Morning and Evening Daily Readings, condensed by David Otis Fuller (\$2.50) and published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be a helpful book in any home. Through the years this Christian classic has given comfort and courage to believers. It is Christian experience captured in language uncommonly beautiful. Spurgeon, no less an artist than a preacher, has caught in these meditations the majesty of life—the rich life of communion with Christ. Never dull, these 732 daily readings, always servants to the Word of God, are varied as the days they

Smith Resigns Hermanville, Accepts Hepzibah, Oakdale



REV. ALVIN R. SMITH

Rev. Alvin R. Smith has recently resigned the work at Hermanville to accept the work with Hepzibah and Oakdale churches in Lawrence County.

Mr. Smith is a native of Choctaw County and received his training at Clarke Memorial and Mississippi Colleges and the New Orleans Seminary. He served the Hermanville church for 2 1-2 years.

Hepzibah has recently completed a new pastor's home and is now making plans to enlarge the church plant either by building a new church or enlarging the present plant to provide adequate space for our growing Sunday School needs. A little more than \$2,000 has already been raised for this purpose.

Mr. Smith and wife are very active, consecrated workers. The churches are already responding to their progressive leadership.

Pastor Smith succeeds Rev. G. T. Dukes, who resigned to enter Clarke Memorial College.

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brighten and the lives they bless. Through the changing year, morning and evening, the believer can find in this volume—condensed with rare judgement—new strength for new needs. Like a "chaplain in the house," it will bring fresh joy to family worship. Perhaps the pastor will find in it a thought which will be "a match to set fire to a preacher's soul." Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

MISSION BOARDS INCREASE MAGAZINE RATES

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board announce the following increased subscription rates, effective April 1, 1949:

The Commission . . .

1 year—\$1.00; 3 years—\$2.00

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Josef Nordenhaug, Editor
The Commission

Southern Baptist Home Missions . . .

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John Caylor, Managing Editor
Southern Baptist Home Missions

'Spiritual Specials'

By W. R. CULLOM, D. D.,
Wake Forest, N. C.

The quotation marks around the word "specials" are meant to suggest that this word stands for all who make special claims for themselves or their particular group in the matter of spiritual attainment, or who in any way claim special ability in helping people into larger and richer experience in the realm of spirit. In the long ago it was said by one who may have belonged to such a group, "My name is Legion, for we are many." Certainly those belonging to such groups today might well claim and use that name. I am speaking here in honest, tender, loving sympathy with all those who are hungering for something better.

Recent letter from a friend in another state discloses the fact that such heart hunger as I have in mind is by no means confined to our State or to any state. Such hunger of soul is to me a very pathetic phenomenon. What I am saying grows out of personal experience. Who does not know the experience of feeling out for much needed help, only to find himself in the condition described by Milton "The hunger sheep look up and are not fed."

Dr. Elton Trueblood's *ALTERNATIVE TO FUTILITY* tells of a leading physicist teaching in a great American college who began to think seriously on the deep things of the spirit. He proceeded to do something about it. True to his lifelong habit as a scientist, Prof. Smith began an honest, faithful search. He thought first of the churches as the place where he should begin. Like many of his fellows he had not attended church for a long time. But, like himself again, he acted promptly on his purpose and found himself in church the following Sunday morning. He went there in a critical mood but he was not the least hypocritical. His re-awakening to the great need of spirituality in himself and in the world about him had taken him into the church in a rather sympathetic state of mind. He paid close attention to the hymns, to the prayers, to the sermon, to the *esprit de corps*, and to everything that he thought would help him in forming a just judgement.

Far from being satisfied, Prof. Smith went home really disturbed in soul over what he found and what he failed to find. He went the next Sunday to a church of a different kind only to go home again with the feeling in his soul that church people are dealing in a most superficial and perfunctory way with the eternal verities. Where should he go next? He felt that the preacher spoke as one who "had to say something rather than as one who had something to say." He thought of Nero who is said to have played the fiddle while Rome burned. It is not Rome that is now burning, but a shattered world — a world, too, in which the souls of men and women are, if possible, more shattered than are their homes, their cities, their civilization and all the rest.

What do I think of "Spiritual Specials?" I shall venture to say a few simple things about them:

1. There is nothing new about them. The hunger of soul to which I have referred and the soothsayers were both found back in old Chaldea. The ancient Egyptians had their spirit men; the Hebrews had their "familiar spirits;" even the mechanical and organizing Romans were not free from such "specialists."

2. There is generally found a tendency to commercialize this gift. When the Apostles were carrying on their mighty work "there was a certain man called Simon which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that he himself was some great one; to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. . . And when Simon saw

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that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:18-19).

3. I believe in "Spiritual Specialties." God has graciously and mercifully raised up and given many such to the sons of men through the ages. I have seen them in person, I have seen and heard them in the pulpit, in classroom, and on platform; I have had their spirits touch and quicken my spirit in newspapers, in magazine articles, in books, in essays, and in poems; and in a thousand other ways. We could say to these what a great teacher said to the Saviour on one occasion: "We know that thou art a teacher come from God." Wherever and whenever such a person is found we should seek and use every possible opportunity for cultivating fellowship with him or her with a view to catching, learning and absorbing as much as possible from them.

4. When one of these special groups becomes an "ism" and goes out to propagate that "ism" I become suspicious and try to do three things: (1) Look through the teaching of my Bible with a view to getting its word on such matters; (2) Try to use as my final standard of measurement here the standard that the Beloved Disciple suggests — "try the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1-3); (3) Estimate their effect upon ones attitude to Christ. Is not the same the Apostle John's method and standard?

5. What do I think of the "ism" in question? Have I answered my friend's question? The test of the Beloved John and the test of the sainted Dr. Wm. B. Royall is the supreme and final test with me.

When that eminent Chinese Christian, Dr. T. Z. Koo, was asked what it was that led him to renounce Confucianism and become a Christian, his reply was this: "I saw and knew that Confucianism was one of the world's greatest systems of Ethics, but my heart cried out for something beyond Ethics, even for some One whom I could love, trust and follow. I turned to Hinduism to find that all is God in such a way that I could not get hold him. I looked to Mohammedanism to find a high conception of God, but its God was too far removed, too rigid, too severe. I needed a God who could be touched with a feeling of my infirmities. I looked to the West to find that things were in the

The New Orleans Baptist Seminary will observe its first Missionary Day program for 1949 on the campus January 27. Dr. Arnold Ohrn, Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the principal speaker. On this day many students will make decisions for the Home and Foreign Fields, joining hands with the Seminary's mission volunteers who are pictured below with their leader, Dr. P. H. Anderson.

Front row are, left to right: LaVerne McGee, Transylvania, La.; Mary Agnes Wise, Mobile, Ala.; Marjorie Platt, Chandrant, La.; Barbara Epperson, Sion Springs, Ark.; Joyce Flanders, Tampa, Fla. Second row, left to right: Dr. P. H. Anderson (Professor of Homiletics), New Orleans, La.; Margaret McGavock, El Paso, Tex.; Mary Freeman, Decatur, Miss.; Jean Swetland, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. William Clawson, Delhi, La.; Mr. William Clawson, Delhi, La. Third row, left to right: Mrs. Walter Moore, Tulsa, Okla.; Barbara Scarborough, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Ronald Hill, Whitakers, N. C.; Helen Masters, Miami, Fla.; David Yang, Pochow, Anhwei, China. Fourth row, left to right: Dr. Walter Moore (Baby Mason Moore), Tulsa, Okla.; Joe Weber, Clovis, N. M.; Ronald Hill, Spindola, N. C.; Margaret Horne, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Hoffman Harris, Augusta, Ga. Fifth row, left to right: Bill Elliot, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Herman Solle, Meridian, Miss.; and Charles Riley, Memphis, Tenn.

UNITED AIR LINES HAS FILED A notice of a tariff which, if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, will give a 25 per cent reduced airlines fares to the clergy for the first time in history. The reduced fares would apply between all stations on United's 80-city system except Honolulu and Avalon, Santa Catalina Island.

saddle — banks, railroads, factories, offices and such things. I turned to the New Testament and found in Jesus Christ a most satisfying teaching as to God, a teaching as to man that makes him an end in himself — a real person. I found teaching as to man that makes him an end in himself — a real person. I found a teaching as to property, as to life, as to every question of vital importance that satisfies my deepest soul. I accept Jesus as my Saviour, and find a joy and satisfaction in His fellowship and in His service that I can find in no other way.

W. R. CULLOM

WHAT OF CIO?

By DR. J. M. DAWSON

Our cherished colleague, Dr. James A. Crain, Executive Secretary for Social Welfare for the Disciples of Christ, has the following in his Social Action News Letter:

"Standing between right and left and trying to hold both together inside CIO is big, wholesome, Scotch-Irish Roman Catholic Phil Murray, president of the steel workers and president, since the exist of booming John L. Lewis, of the National CIO. . .

"In the April, 1948 issue of Social Action News Letter this writer called attention to the purges then going on in a number of unions belonging to the Congress of Industrial Organizations, directed, ostensibly, at Communist leadership. The article pointed out that while no doubt Communists had infiltrated certain unions, there seemed to be evidence that the crusade was being sparked by Catholics both within and without the unions who were using the Communist threat as cloak under which to get control of the movement. Attention was called in this connection to an article written by James Higgins for the New Republic (October 20, 1947) describing the growing influence of the Association of Catholic Trades Unionists (ACTU), which has strong priestly leadership and which specializes in training Catholic workers for labor union leadership. Higgins declared that ACTU was exercising great influence not only in local groups, but also over certain high officials of the national CIO.

"Evidence continues to pile up that the Anti-Communist crusade within the CIO is not directed exclusively against Communists (whose disruptive and destructive tactics make them legitimate targets), but also against all liberal leaders within the movement. Shortly after the April article appeared rumors were afloat that Kermit Eby, educational director of the National CIO, Church of the Brethren minister, and active in liberal causes, was marked for separation from his job. Some weeks ago announcement was made that Eby had resigned to accept a position on the faculty of the University of Chicago. Washington sources say that there is considerable mystery about whether he actually resigned or was discharged. He is said to have remarked several months ago that the 'CIO is going to war,' and that he was a minority holding out against the group determined to purge those who disagreed with the dominant trend. Informed Washington observers point out that the drive to eliminate the Communist element seems also to have been a drive to place Catholics in the driver's seat. It is said that when the ACTU was formed in 1937 it was an alternative to setting up a Roman Catholic trades union organization. It begins to look as if the Catholic Bishops are accomplishing by oblique methods the same result. Protestant workers will support legitimate efforts of CIO unions or any other organizations to free themselves from Communist leadership, but they will resent deeply the effort of any church to place its own members in positions of leadership of movements which by their very nature serve all the people.

Thus we see a contest between Communism and Roman Catholicism for control in the CIO, and it is difficult to decide which would be worse for the country.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary
PAUL D. BOOTH, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



MRS. C. F. BARRY

Mrs. C. F. Barry, approved Beginner worker of Illinois, will be with us for these conferences at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Columbus, March, 8-9.

Surely, the Beginner workers of our state will want to be there to get the benefit of the capable service of this excellent leader.

WE HANDLE NOTHING BUT FREE LITERATURE

We get many orders for Sunday school quarterlies, teachers' books, record books, etc., for all of which there is a charge.

Please keep in mind that the state Sunday school office handles nothing but the FREE promotional literature, and that dealing with the duties of the various general, department, and class officers. We have nothing that has a cost.

Therefore, please address all requests for materials on which there is a price to The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Of course, all the quarterlies and teachers' books come only from the Nashville office.

REMEMBER RIDGECREST DATES

June 23-29 and June 30-July 6 are the two Sunday School Weeks at Ridgcrest this year. Be sure and make reservations at once.

Write Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgcrest, N. C. Registration fee is \$2.00.

PARKWAY JACKSON KEEPS GROWING

Superintendent Curtis L. Beard makes the following encouraging report for Parkway, Jackson, Sunday school for last quarter:

Reached the standard, 114 new members, 1210 total enrolment, 640 average attendance, 77 per cent average preaching attendance, 65 additions to the church through the Sunday school, 135 training awards, 101 average attendance at workers' council, one new men's class in Adult I, Beginner 2 and Beginner 3 standard, Miss Carolyn Madison and Mrs. O. C. Strickland, superintendents, respectively, 1317 visits, 3634 phone calls, 2857 cards and letters sent, 7808 total contacts.

The following goals were set for this year: A standard school, 1385 enrolment, 699 average attendance, 396 training awards, 16 new classes, a census by district attendance, 396 training awards, 16 new classes, a census by districts, and a weekly visitation program.

Congratulations, Superintendent Beard, on this great record and challenging program!

DECEMBER STANDARDS

Schools: Monticello, Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor, Thomas E. Berry, Jr. Superintendent; Parkway Jackson, Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, Curtis L. Beard, superintendent; Knoxville, Rev. A. B. Hatfield, pastor, Arnie Fortenberry, superintendent; Pascagoula First, Dr. L. E. Green, pastor, G. W. Hall, superintendent.

Classes: Always Ready, Intermediate, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mrs. B. E. Hudson, teacher; Joyful Servants, Intermediate, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mrs. W. W. Chappell; Fidelis, Adult, Hollandale, Mrs. J. F. Scull; Men's Bible, Adult, Hattiesburg First, R. F. Bass.

We are indeed grateful to the leaders of these units for the good work in attaining standard recognition.

NEW STANDARDS READY

The new standards are ready and available. Why not get one for your school, department, or class and look it over and see the changes. You will be interested in these.

Most of the percentage requirements have been taken out, thus making it easier to reach the standard.

These will be gladly sent on request.

DATES TO REMEMBER

We give the following important Sunday school dates for this year:

March 8-9, Sunday School Convention at Columbus.

June 23-29 and June 30-July 6, Sunday School Weeks at Ridgcrest.

August 29-September 2, State Clinic at New Albany.

Be sure and make note of these dates and plan to attend. Make Ridgcrest reservations at once.

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14 Students To Graduate At Clarke College Mid-Term

Clarke Memorial College announces fourteen students to be graduated at its mid-term commencement. The sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor of the First Church, Gulfport, in the public school auditorium at the eleven o'clock hour, January 23. The graduating address will be delivered by J. A. Travis Assistant Secretary of Mississippi Education Association, in the Clarke College auditorium at 10:30 Monday, January 24.

Those to be graduated include: Merle Ballard, McCall Creek; Glen Dismukes, Prichard, Alabama; James Paschal Gilbert, Clinton; Charles Holland, Blue Springs; Anene Irby, State Line; Rev. and Mrs. David C. Jenkins, Atlanta, Georgia; Ruby Nell Johnson, Pulaski; Eleanor Rae Miller, of Gulfport; James O. Payne, Tullos, Louisiana; Ross Allen Pinson, Syracuga, Alabama; George Winford Stamey, Myrtle; Vernard Utley, West Monroe, Louisiana; and Homer Yarborough, Prichard, Alabama.

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ON SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS the New Hope church of Drew observed the birthday of Christ by bringing love gifts to Him. More than \$100 was received and the money was sent to the Cooperative program.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

BOX 538 - - - PHONE 2-1600 - - - JACKSON
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

POTPOURRI

In recent days, we have had the privilege of appearing at one of the best banquets we have ever attended, the annual Intermediate-Young People's Christmas Banquet of 15th Ave. Church, Meridian; of having a part in the Student Night program in our own church; of having a part in the State Training Union Convention; of meeting with the fine members of our State BSU Council; of visiting Miss. College in one of its first chapel meetings in the beautiful auditorium of new Nelson Hall; of meeting with the Millsaps BSU Council, discussing Retreat plans; of supplying at and having fellowship with the good people of Prentiss Baptist Church, and of attempting to teach a ladies' Sunday School class in our church. All were blessings to our heart. . . Hazel Robinson, MSCW, is taking Joyce Saxon's (Miss. Southern) place as State Devotional Chairman, and Buford Ashley, Miss. State, Leta Wells' (Miss. College) place as State Reporter. Our State President, Joe Barber, recently made these appointments. We're sorry to lose Joyce and Leta, but welcome cordially Hazel and Buford. . . Millsaps, Jackson, is to entertain our State Retreat for BSU Officers, April 22-23. They'll do a good job, and we're looking forward prayerfully to this important meeting. . . Jo Henderson, Woman's College, was of great secretarial help to us during the Christmas holidays. We greatly appreciate her good work. . . Miss Lurline Stewart, Fac. Adv. at Hinds Jr., reports that

they had 115 at their Christmas social.

... Good Student Night programs have been reported, among them being Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, under S. C. Ray, Ed. Dir., and Macedonia Church, near Hattiesburg, . . . Jones Jr. students recently collected for World Relief 700 pounds of clothing, 18 duffle bags full, including about 80 prs. of shoes. If you haven't had your campus drive, remember the millions of starving, shivering people in many lands and GIVE. Contact our Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 S. Olympia St., New Orleans 19, La. . . In the 81st Congress, 82 of the 96 Senators have attended college; 71 are college graduates. Of the 435 House members, 383 attended college; 293 are college grads. We repeat, our leadership is coming from our colleges. Is our leadership what it should be? The BSU, we repeat, is trying to help make it what it should be—thoroughly Christian. . . We need about \$700 to send Joe Barber, our State President, to the Baptist Youth Congress, Stockholm, next August. Contributions gladly and gratefully received anytime. . . Blue Mt. used several of her students, Mrs. Louis Marks of Memphis, Mary Ann Durham of Louisville, Ky., Marjorie Bailey of the Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans, President Lowrey, Julia Mae Martin of 2nd Ave. Church, Laurel, Pastor Smyly, V. P. Mrs. Crawley on its week-long Vocational Emphasis Week Program. . . American Bible Society Sunday is Jan. 23 Give generously! . . .

Vocational Emphasis Week Observed At Mississippi Woman's College

"Every Vocation for Christ" was the theme of Vocational Emphasis week at Mississippi Woman's College this week. The periods for the chapel and noonday prayer meetings each day were used to emphasize the importance of dedicating vocations to God, whether it be homemaking, teaching, nursing, business, doctoring, educational director, or the many other fields open to young people today.

The special week was under the direction of the Baptist Student Union on the campus. Miss Louise Waddell from Maryland is president and Miss Kathleen Taylor, head of the English department, is student secretary.

Nan McMurphy from Lucedale, president of the student body spoke Monday on "Life's Calling." Margie Ivers from Jackson spoke on "Finding God's will for My Life." and Genevieve Pigford from Toomsaba, had as her subject "Opportunities for Full-Time Christian Service." Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of the college, spoke Tuesday on "Life, a Divine Calling." Wednesday, the seaker was Jen Chi Chang, a graduate of University of Shanghai. Mr. Chang is working for his Master's Degree at Mississippi Southern College. He is preparing for a teaching position in a christian college in China. His subject was "The Christian Missionary's contribution in China."

Thursday's speaker was S. H. Blair, superintendent of the Hattiesburg Schools. He challenged the students to go into the field of teaching and

to be the finest christian teacher possible. "The need of this type of teacher in our schools is urged," said Mr. Blair.

Dr. J. W. Parrish, pastor of the First Church of Laurel brought the final chapel message using as his subject "Dedication of Our Vocations." This was a high hour of the week when Dr. Parrish brought a most stirring message which challenged our hearts to dedicate all that we have to Christ. While each member of the student body had her heart bowed, Dr. Parrish asked that all who wished to re-dedicate their lives to Christ to come and so indicate it by giving their hands to Dr. Rouse, president of the college. Many of the fine students who had already dedicated their lives came, and some who were moved for the first time to dedicate their lives also slipped out from their seats and joined the others at the front with Dr. Rouse.

The Noon-day prayer meeting speakers and their subjects were: Mrs. Wayne McClure, head of the Home Economics Department, "Christian Homemaking." Julia Toy Hewitt, a student majoring in Elementary Education, "Teaching my Chosen Profession." Mrs. S. C. Ray, wife of the Education Director of Main Street Baptist Church, "The Place of the Educational Director." Mrs. Cora Joyce Davis, college nurse, "The Place of the Christian Nurse." George Causey, chancery Clerk of Forrest County "Public Service as a Profession."

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**American Bible Society
Offering, January 23**

RICHARD PRICE ORDAINED



RICHARD E. PRICE, JR.

Richard E. Price, Jr., was recently ordained by First Church, Corinth to the full work of the gospel ministry. Mr. Price is a senior at Mississippi College and has recently accepted the pastorate of the Lula Church near Pocahtontas.

The examining council recommended him as an excellent candidate and fully qualified.

Rev. Milton Bryant, Hinkle pastor, opened the ordination service with prayer. Rev. D. L. Hill brought the duties of a Christian minister. The ordination address on the work and charge was given by Rev. H. B. Speights, pastor of Tate Street Church. The Bible was presented on behalf of the First Church by the chairman of the deacons, W. C. Sweat. Rev. Gilbert Daniels, Holly pastor, led the ordination prayer.

The Rev. Mr. Hill led in the Laying on of Hands and the service was closed with prayer, led by Joel D. Ray, Louisville (Ky.) Seminary.

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Orphanage Trustees Listed

By W. G. Mize, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage

The following members of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage terms expired with the 1948 Convention: W. N. Taylor, Jackson; J. M. Evans, Jackson; J. J. Paschal, Walnut Grove; Dr. Thomas Purser Sr., McComb; R. L. Goodwin, Forest, and Lester L. Brown, Kosciusko. They had served for six years or more. Mississippi Baptists are indebted to this fine group of Christian men who served in this capacity.

Members of the Board still serving as trustees are: E. S. Cole, Philadelphia; Mrs. I. C. Knox, Vicksburg; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Forest Cooper, Indianola; Herman Dean, Canton; W. Harold Cox, Jackson; Lyle Corey, Meridian; Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Joe H. McCully, Louisville; Rev. W. Landon Miller, Brookhaven, and J. V. Young, Collins.

New members of the Board whose terms expire in 1951 are: A. D. Williams, McComb; Ralph Hester, Jackson; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Morton; J. T. Hill, Pascagoula; W. A. Huff, Forest; Rev. Owen William, Utica. T. M. Dickson of Jackson was elected to take the place of R. M. Hederman, Jr., the latter being named to the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College.

May we ask the continued prayers and support of all Mississippi Baptists as we make plans to care for the children who are now making their home in the Orphanage and to those who are looking to us for support in the future.

"That the World May Know..."

That the world may know Christ! That 600 Foreign Missionaries, 600 Home Missionaries, 100 State Missionaries may be supported in telling His story! That 1,600 college students, 250 ministerial students and over 2,000 Seminary students may be trained! That around 200 orphans a year and the sick and suffering of the hospitals may be cared for! That the gospel may be preached over the radio and in the printed page! That the work of Christ may be supplemented in the work with the races—Indians, Chinese, and Negroes! That a strong evangelistic emphasis may prevail! That much more may be done in the Name of Christ!

Mississippi Baptists have for the stated month given of their substance and it has been used as follows:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1948

HOW OUR MONEY COMES IN

Cooperative Program	\$ 74,208.24
For Designated Objects	42,313.07
Foreign Mission Week of Prayer	31,026.45
Baptist Building Maintenance (November & December)	949.50
Baptist Record	5,805.89
Baptist Sunday School Board	613.45
Home Mission Board	150.00
Relief and Annuity:	
Pastor's Dues	\$2,031.77
Church Dues	2,336.53
Board Employee's Dues	241.85
Widow's Supplement Dues	368.72
Relief and Annuity Board,	
Refund on Expense	95.81
Returned Checks Made Good	10.11
Refund on Expense	756.14
	\$160,907.53
Cash on Hand December 1	
Capital National	\$ 79,554.88
Jackson State National	133,074.00
	\$212,628.88
	\$373,536.41

HOW OUR MONEY IS SENT AND SPENT

Preaching and Promotion	\$ 6,902.30
W.M.U. Department	1,683.85
November Cooperative Program Receipts—Paid in December	
Southwide Causes	\$21,614.74
Foreign Mission Board	
Southern Seminary	
Southwestern Seminary	
New Orleans Seminary	
W.M.U. Training School	
American Seminary	
Relief & Annuity Board	
Radio Commission	
Baptist Brotherhood	
Southern Baptist Hospital	
Christian Education	
Mississippi College	\$3,053.86
Mississippi Woman's College	1,454.09
Blue Mountain College	1,876.69
Clarke Mem. College	1,433.66
Education Commission Expense	121.52
Ministerial Education	960.65
Mississippi Baptist Foundation	360.25
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	480.33
Mississippi Baptist Orphanage	2,401.64
Transfer of Reserve Account to U. S. Government Bonds	50,000.00
Special church building allocations transferred to Baptist Foundation	40,000.00
For Designated Objects	20,785.36
Baptist Building Maintenance	642.14
Baptist Record-Editorial Department	1,169.62
Baptist Record-Mailing Department	3,876.03
Radio-Mississippi Baptist Hour	
Expense	604.41
Equipment	368.00
Relief and Annuity:	
Pastor's Dues	1,647.34
Church Dues	1,707.23
Board Employee's Dues	228.32
Widow's Supplement Dues	524.30
Returned Checks	16.44
State Mission Allocations:	
Associational Missions	1,366.63
Board and Executive Committee Meetings	1,651.53
B. S. U. Department	538.75
Campus	1,584.65
Brotherhood Department	788.22
B.T.U. Department	1,616.87
Chinese Work	75.00
Church Building Aid	1,950.00
Convention Expense	27.51
Institutional Visitation	400.10
Military Camp Work	100.00
Music Department	443.17
Negro Work - Mississippi Baptist Seminary	463.68
Pastoral Aid	519.89
Promotional	2.50
Relief and Annuity:	
Office Expense	273.52
3% Board Employees	228.32
2/3 Pastors Dues	1,098.22
Widows Supplement	524.30
Stewardship & Evangelism	2,124.36
Sunday School Department	581.27
Temperance Department	1,111.11
W.M.U. Field Work	792.32
Royal Ambassadors	135.60
Negro Work	127.89
M. J. Gilbert - Refund on Revivals	263.49
W.M.U. Camp Maintenance	246.01
	220.86
	\$180,780.69
Cash in Banks December 31, 1948	
Capital National	\$137,386.00
Jackson State National	55,369.72
	192,755.72
	\$373,536.41

ALL THESE TITHES AND OFFERINGS COME FROM INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES

ALL THIS MONEY GOES FOR THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL, PROMOTION OF THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL, THE TRAINING OF THE SAVED, OR THE HELPING OF THE NEEDY.

The above monies were given in line with the teaching of Malachi 3, Luke 6:38, Acts 20:35, and 2 Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9.

Mississippi Baptists do not have to guess where their money goes. Reading the facts presented on this page, it is seen that the money goes to help weak churches, associations, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions to the ends of the earth, seminaries, colleges, orphanages, hospitals, etc.

The money is given and sent along to the proper objects that the purposes of Christ may be realized as stated in Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-53, John 17, Acts 1:8, and Revelation 7:9-17.

"Every Baptist A Soul-Winner"

"Every Baptist A Tither!"

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W. M. U. STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER RECEIPTS

September — December 1948
(Continued from last week)

LEBANON	
Brooklyn	27.20
Cartersville	8.00
Central	15.00
Dixie	9.65
Glendale	15.45
Greens Creek	8.00
Hattiesburg-Bouie Street	14.41
Hattiesburg-First	240.69
Hattiesburg-Immanuel	54.25
Hattiesburg-Irene Chapel	3.00
Hattiesburg-Lakeview	3.50
Hattiesburg-Main Street	173.34
Hattiesburg-River Avenue	17.50
Hattiesburg-28th Avenue	11.75
Hattiesburg-38th Avenue	17.50
Hattiesburg-5th Avenue	179.65
Lumberton	75.00
McLaurin	22.25
Macedonia	18.10
Mars Hill	6.00
Oral	20.00
Perkinston	5.00
Petal-First	19.55
Petal Harvey	36.40
Providence	5.75
Purvis	25.00
Sumrall	20.80
Wiggins	26.26
Zion Hill	33.00

LEE CO.	
Auburn	70.14
Guntown	40.00
Nettleton	30.00
Plantersville	45.04
Priceville	10.00
Richmond	11.50
Saltillo	44.00
Sherman	67.47
Tupelo-Calvary	214.60
Tupelo-East	10.50
Tupelo-First	500.00
Tupelo-Harrisburg	64.60
Union Hall-Limestone	16.50
Verona	44.00
Shannon	25.37

LEFLORE CO.	
Greenwood-Calvary	34.00
Greenwood-First	318.19
Itta Bena	140.45
Morgan City	60.00
Riverside	33.25
Schlatër	15.00
Sidon	20.00

LINCOLN CO.	
Arlington	30.00
Bogue Chitto	16.00
Brookhaven-First	387.65
Calvary	13.00
Clear Branch	20.00
Friendship	25.00
Heuck's Retreat	13.00
Moaks Creek	32.25
Montgomery	7.50
Mt. Moriah	61.00
Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Mt. Zion	15.67
New Prospect	48.50
New Site	16.30
Pearl Haven	16.25
Pleasant Grove	14.75
Ruth	26.50

MADISON CO.	
Camden	39.00
Canton-Center Terrace	14.00
Canton-First	303.50
Flora	104.25
Madison	41.75
Ridgeland	18.00

MARION CO.	
Bunker Hill	81.00
Cedar Grove	6.50
Columbia-East	22.50
Columbia-North	14.00
Columbia-First	207.34
Foxworth	40.70
Goss	37.85
Hurricane	31.00
Improve	105.10
Kokomo	11.00

MARSHALL CO.

Byhalia	35.00
Holly Springs	106.63
Pleasant Grove	6.00
Potts Camp	10.00
Slayden-Lamar	25.00

Mississippi	
Crosby	51.70
Eastfork	22.00
Gallilee-Gloster	149.99
Gillsburg	34.35
Hebron	21.50
Liberty	200.00
Mars Hill	100.00
Mt. Olive	25.00
Mt. Vernon	11.25
Woodville	41.00
Centerville	45.00

MONROE CO.

Aberdeen	2.00
Amory	186.21
Becker	8.50
Cason	3.35
Center Hill	10.00
Central Grove	11.00
New Prospect	25.00
Prairie	2.00

MONTGOMERY

Duck Hill	50.00
Kilmichael	12.00
Winona-First	135.00

NESHOBA CO.

Coldwater	17.25
Deemer	12.00
Emmanuel	5.00
Linwood	2.00
Neshoba	30.00
New Hope	3.50
Philadelphia First	34.40
Spring Creek	9.25

NEW CHOCTAW ASS'N.	
New Choctaw Ass'n-WMU	8.40

NEWTON CO.	
Bethel	25.00
Newton Co. Ass'n. WMU	3.00
Chunky	11.00
Clarke Venable Memorial	39.00
Duffee	7.85
Hickory	99.60
New Ireland	3.50
Newton	238.00
Union-First	121.75

NOXUBEE CO.	
Brooksville	66.60
Concord	57.00
Elim-Mashulaville	21.50
Macon-First	127.06
Shuqualak	84.00

(Continued Next Week)

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FOND MEMORIES

These few lines are in appreciation and high esteem for an outstanding Pastors' wife, in the person of Mrs. L. E. Green. Dr. and Mrs. Green are moving to Prentiss, Miss.

The Business Woman's Circle
First Baptist Church
Pascagoula, Mississippi
By Mrs. T. W. Hudson

Friends and loved ones someday must part
Leaving behind many, sadden in heart.
O, the joy of friends we constantly meet
Who help to brighten life, making it sweet

Now, Mrs. Green, as from our midst you go

May newfound joys, God richly bestow.
Your godly life, and kind gentle way
Has cheered many from day to day.
You will be missed, by each of us
Yet God's will be done, in Him we trust;
May Life's sunshine ever be bright
Reflecting Christ's radiance in the dark night.

These few years of friendship here
Will be fondly remembered, my dear,
Blessings be yours, as new friends accrue
But to the old ones of bygone days be true.

We love you most dearly and ever will
Fond memories we cherish, as our place
we fill.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Associational Rallies

The Associational Brotherhood Rallies for the first quarter of this year will be held in March. From past experience, we know that we have our largest attendance in the March meetings and a great deal of planning needs to be done in order not to disappoint the great host of men who shall attend these meetings.

The suggested program for the Associational Rallies is to be on the subject, "Men and Missions." This program is to be taken from the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal and was written by your Brotherhood Secretary. There are two reasons for using this program emphasis and for using the Journal as source material. First, March is Home Mission emphasis month and the Home and Foreign Mission Day Offering will be taken March 27 through the Sunday Schools. We try to keep our emphasis in line with the denominational calendar of activities. Second, there are a number of Brotherhoods that do not use the Journal and it is felt that a good presentation of the program at the Associational meetings will do a great deal toward emphasizing the importance of the use of the Journal in the local Brotherhoods.

Brotherhood President

You are important—next to your pastor I know of no one individual with more responsibility than you. your church has definite commitments given by the Lord Jesus Christ. If your church discharges those commitments—IT MUST HAVE "SOMETHING" with which to do the job.

The varying abilities of men make

it impossible, apparently for you to give a blanket "all right, men let's promote our church program during 1949." Instead, individual utilization, mobilized, is needed.

Help me help you implement Christ's work.

1. Send me the names and addresses of your 1949 Brotherhood officers.

2. Maintain regular Executive Committee meetings.

3. Impress on your secretary the importance of records and reports.

4. Get whole car loads of your men to attend your Associational meeting.

5. Get your Brotherhood Quartet in operation for the State Brotherhood Convention at Jackson, November 14.

Brotherhood Journal

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal is a magazine-type periodical with articles arranged in reading or program form.

Our aJanuary-February-March Journal will be articles written by State Brotherhood Secretaries. Every pastor and every man ought to get this particular Journal. The thinking, right or wrong, of men in key places of leadership will be yours for study.

The Journal price is 10c per copy. Thirteen weeks of program material. A wealth of denominational information. Articles written by leading laymen, pastors, and denominational employees.

Ten cents well spent. Order from: The Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee.

MAMIE DEAN ATKINSON

Whereas God in His Wisdom on Dec. 17th, 1948 called to her heavenly home our friend and fellow member of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mamie Dean Atkinson.

Therefore be it resolved that we express to our Heavenly Father our gratitude for her Christian life that she lived in our midst and for her sincere devotion to her church work. Her life of unselfish service, her love and devotion to her family and friends, and her gentle, sweet disposition made her an inspiration to all who knew her.

It is with sorrow and regret that we part with one so loyal and true.

Be it further resolved that we express to her family our deepest sympathy in her passing and that we commend to them the comfort of the Holy Spirit and pray that God will fill her place with the sunshine of His love.

Be it further resolved; that a copy of these resolutions be given the family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society and a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Lovingly submitted,

MRS. ALLEN GUESS

MRS. J. C. MAXWELL

MRS. L. T. SUBER

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI Synod, had increased its radio budget from \$1,250,000, to \$1,400,000 for the next fiscal year. The Lutheran Hour is now heard in 40 countries and is transcribed in eight languages.



REV. REECE ACKLEN

Shown above is Rev. Reece Acklen who was licensed to preach at the age of 15 and was called as pastor at Lebanon in November, 1947, the following year. After accepting the Lebanon pastorate he was fully ordained to the gospel ministry. There have been 22 additions to the church during his pastorate.

Mr. Acklen served last year as choir-leader of the Covington Association Training Union, and was re-elected to that place at the last meeting of the Association. He has preached in several South Mississippi churches.

His home is in Sanford, where his mother is now living, and he is now a student at Clarke College.

—BR— American Bible Society Offering, January 23



SHOWN ABOVE is Dr. J. D. Franks, former pastor of the First Church, Columbus, now European Relief Representative of Southern Baptists, distributing relief supplies in Poland.

German Baptists Grateful For Relief Contributions

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Contributions of American Baptists to world relief have helped furnish Christian literature to German Baptists as well as feed and clothe the physical needy of their numbers.

A letter from Eberhard Schroder, director of the Germany Baptist Publication Society, follows:

"This morning I read in my Bible 'Grace be with all' (Hebrews 13). But when I went to the publication office my heart troubled deeply about paper. Just in these days for the first time we had published again our Sunday school paper after the disturbance of 8 years! What a joy that means for our children and a help for our missionary work you hardly may imagine. But that costs a lot of paper and our store had become small. I did not know how to go on in December-January with our periodicals. In this very moment came a telegram that 180 bales of cellulose arrived in Hamburg. I cannot but praise the Lord and thank His children with all my heart. Now we can do our work — in His vineyard — with new force. It is a wonderful experience we have made so often like the prophet Isaiah (65: 24). My heart is full of joy!"

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MANY MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS AND friends of B. S. U. will enjoy reading in the February issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT an article entitled "Mississippi's Report," written by Frank Hart Smith of Mississippi College and reporting on the Youth Revival work during 1948. The article carries with it a picture which was taken at the West Point meeting.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE about your State Student Secretary? The February issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT carries a picture of him and an interesting article about his life.

LOUISIANA MEN PROMOTE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER

State Brotherhood Secretary A. S. Newman, reports that one of the major objectives of the Louisiana Brotherhoods during the past year has been to increase the weekly circulation of their state denominational paper, THE BAPTIST MESSAGE, to 35,000. Latest report from Newman's office reveals that as of November 15, circulation stood at 32,600—just 2,400 short of the adopted goal.

Dr. F. W. Tinnin, editor of THE BAPTIST MESSAGE, commenting on the efforts of the Brotherhood to increase the circulation of their state paper, stated that he was confident that the men would achieve their goal by the first of the year. Nearly enough churches in the state have already placed the state paper in their budgets starting January 1 to assure the men of reaching their worthy undertaking, Tinnin stated.

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MRS. MAGGIE TRUHITT HALL

Mrs. Maggie Truhitt Hall was born October 26, 1879. She was married to William Hall in February, 1937. On September 19, 1948, God called her from our midst. She was a faithful wife and a loving member of our church and community.

Her spirit will always remain with us, urging us to ever live the honorable upright Christian life that she lived. Her smile, her thoughtfulness and consideration of others, her quick sympathy for those in need, her courage and self-forgetfulness in times of distress, her deep love of life and her faith in God and His church have taken root in the lives of those who knew and loved her. We shall miss Aunt Mag's interest and faithful service and shall try to carry on the work she loved.

Respectfully submitted,
Greenland Church
by MRS. LLOYD EZELLE,
MRS. RUBY MUNN, and
MRS. M. V. LANGHAN

PASTORS: Watch for Family Altar Helps

Pastors, you will receive in a few days a package of materials on the campaign for 100,000 new family altars. It will contain samples of a poster, tracts on family worship, and a Family Altar Commitment Card which you will want to use in your church.

Watch for the big envelope with this slogan: "Family Worship Every Day in Every Baptist Home." It contains valuable contents to undergird your spiritual ministry to homes.

JOE W. BURTON

Southern Baptist Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN,
Executive Secretary

FRANK K. MEANS,
Secretary Education and Promotion

Little Rock Church Shares Its Building Fund With the World

"Our special offering today for foreign missions amounts to \$50,000." The message came in a telegram from Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

It is an unprecedented gift and the Foreign Mission Board staff found it hard to believe. Secretary M. Theron Rankin was out of the office, and it was not until his return the next day that they heard the story behind the gift.

A campaign to raise money for a new church building had been launched by the Little Rock church and \$75,000 had been received. Then a deacon, deeply concerned about the non-Christian world, went to the pastor with a novel suggestion. Unless we do something about the rest of the world, our buildings will be of no good to us, he said, and proposed that the \$75,000 be given for the foreign mission enterprise instead.

Other church leaders did not think it best to give up the new building, but they did see the truth in the deacon's statement. Consequently, they arrived at a judicious compromise—a tithe of the building campaign funds for world missions. They set up a goal of \$50,000 for foreign missions and reached the goal. That is the story behind the telegram received at the Foreign Mission Board offices on January 10.

Writing about the gift, Editor B. H. Duncan of the Arkansas Baptist said: "Here is conclusive proof that foreign missions will not weaken the Co-operative program; on the contrary, the Co-operative Program will be strengthened in proportion to our increased support of foreign missions. This church, while his giving \$10,000 more to the Co-operative Program than any other church in the state, has initiated a movement for larger support for foreign missions. No church which launches such a movement will ever neglect the home bases upon which the foreign mission enterprise depends."

All Southern Baptist Work Will Benefit From Advance Program

The beauty of the Advance Program is that in order to extend foreign missions the whole Southwide program must be extended. Secretary Rankin told local members of the Foreign Mission Board who held their regular monthly session January 13 at the Richmond office.

Dr. Rankin reviewed in brief the Co-operative Program plan to be presented for approval to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City in May. The plan is for the raising of \$10,000,000 in distributable funds for the Southwide Co-operative Program in 1950. Of the \$10,000,000, the first \$4,000,000 would be used for the operating budgets of Southwide agencies, the next \$2,500,000 for the retirement of capital needs of Southwide agencies, and all above the \$6,500,000 for the advance of foreign missions.

"When we go all out and raise that \$10,000,000 of distributable funds and the Foreign Mission Board gets that additional \$3,500,000, are you going to

be ready to spend it?" someone asked Dr. Rankin. The 1950 budget of the Foreign Mission Board will have to be made on the basis of 1949 income, Dr. Rankin explained, because commitments cannot be made on money the Board does not actually have. But when the 1951 budget is made, the Advance Program plan of the Foreign Mission Board can be put into effect if Southern Baptists materially increase their Co-operative Program gifts during 1950.

Three mission fields which are especially ready for advance now are Japan where one hundred missionaries are needed, Africa which is calling for enlargement all over the continent, and Latin America where the Board could not meet existing demands even if all present appointments were absorbed there.

Receipts of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1948 were approximately \$6,000,000. The 1950 advance would call for \$4,000,000 more than the 1948 receipts. That advance must come by increased giving through tithing and by a healthy distribution of the increased giving, Dr. Rankin said. This puts the success or failure of the Advance Program squarely up to the local churches.

Foreign Missions Conference Votes Against Merging With National Council

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has voted against merging with the National Council of Churches and will remain what it has been through all the years of its existence—a conference organization. The decision was made at a meeting January 4-7 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

The proposal "that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America agrees to become one of the constituting agencies of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and to become the Division of Foreign Missions thereof," not only failed to win the necessary two-thirds vote, but fell short of a simple majority, the vote going 51 for to 63 against.

The Foreign Mission Board had signified that it would be compelled to withdraw from the organization if the merger took place. Other groups would likewise have found it expedient to sever relations with the merger organization.

Southern Baptist representatives attending the meeting were Secretaries M. Theron Rankin, George W. Sadler, and Everett Gill, Jr. and J. W. Storer, R. B. Jones, C. E. Hereford, R. Kelly White, Ralph A. Herring.

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HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, is in need of church pews. If there is a church that is remodeling or building a new church and would be interested in disposing of excess pews, please write Dr. Frank Jackson, Lauderdale, Route 2.

LANCASTER, PA. —(RNS)—A NEW department of rural church work will be opened at the Lancaster Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church here next September.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

ZION HILL IS. NO. 932

Even though Rev. Rutledge Courtney courted and married the Baptist Record editor's secretary, one of the very best the Record ever had, he continues to be friendly to the Baptist Record as evidence by his leading the Zion Hill church in Copiah County to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Mr. Courtney, who is a student in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, finds that the Baptist Record is an excellent assistant pastor, going into every home every week, and thus keeping the people informed about Baptist work at home and abroad.

Record readers in Copiah County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 18; Bethel, 69; Carpenter, 22; County Line, 51; Crystal Springs, 388; Damascus, 37; Galilee, 29; Gallman, 23; Gatesville, 6; Georgetown, 66; Harmony, 62; Hazlehurst, 188; Hopewell, 46; Mission Hill, 1; New Providence, 22; New Zion, 56; Pearl Valley, 28; Pilgrims Rest, 23; Pine Bluff, 68; Pleasant Hill, 36; Poplar Springs, 20; Rockport, 3; Sardis, 31; Shady Grove, 51; Smyrna, 29; Spring Hill, 56; Strong Hope, 44; Sylvarena, 45; Weston 75; Zion Hill, 47.

TURNER SENDS 14

Rev. Luther K. Turner, whose address now is Route 1, Wiggins, does many things well and one of them is to support the Baptist Record. His latest evidence of support is a list of 14 names on the EVERY FAMILY Plan from Antioch Church in Greene County.

Greene County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 14; Avera, 23; Cedar Grove, 5; County Line, 33; Fellowship, 15; Johnson Creek, 12; Leaf, 1; Leaksville, 91; McLain, 38; Piave, 18; Pine Level, 18; Pleasant Hill, 14; Unity, 12; Washington (Neely), 3, and West Salem, 17.

29 AT EAST FORK

Rev. M. T. Wilson has led the church at East Fork to make the Baptist Record a part of the church program. Recently a nice list of 23 additional subscriptions was received. These added to the six subscriptions that were already on the Baptist Record list make a total of 29 now going into the membership of East Fork Church.

Amite County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethel, 36; Berwick, 33; Crosby, 44; East Fork, 29; Ebenezer, 19; Galilee, 105; Gillsburg, 72; Glading, 3; Hebron, 20; Liberty, 157; Mars Hill, 86; Mt. Olive, 71; Mt. Vernon, 54; New Zion, 27; Oak Grove, 24; Robinson, 28; Zion Hill, 50; Mt. Pleasant, 2.

BROOKHAVEN

Due to pressure of business in the office we were unable to attend all of the Bible Conference at First Church, Brookhaven, but got their Friday afternoon. We were told that the preceding days had been equally good. If they were, it certainly was a wonderful program. Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor, and others of the First church had done everything possible to make it a success and they succeeded.

Pastors were there from many sections of the state and expressed their

Don Norman Promoted

Elected Executive Secretary Of Chicago Bible Society



REV. DON NORMAN

Rev. Don Norman has been elected executive secretary of the Chicago Bible Society, effective February 1, 1949, to succeed Dr. Robert T. Taylor, whose administrative duties as general secretary of the American Bible Society now require his residence in New York, according to an announcement by Dr. Charles Ray Goff, president of the Chicago Bible Society.

Mr. Norman became a member of the Chicago Bible Society staff in 1947 and was elected associate secretary in March, 1948. A native of Georgia, he holds degrees from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry in his home church at

appreciation for the excellent program.

This was our first time to see the newly finished auditorium. It is a thing of beauty. Anybody that cannot be worshipful in that auditorium needs to have his heart examined.

Record readers in Lincoln County are now listed as follows: Arlington 24; Bethel, 26; Big Springs, 21; Bogue Chitto, 50; Brookhaven, First, 599; Clear Branch, 22; Fair River, 51; Friendship, 51; Gum Grove, 41; Heucks Retreat 52; Holly Springs, 24; Little Bahala, 6; Macedonia, 137; Mission Hill, 31; Montgomery, 50; Moak's Creek, 75; Mt. Moriah, 71; Mt. Pleasant, 56; New Prospect, 53; New Sight, 50; Pearl Haven, 95; Philadelphia, 18; Pleasant Grove, 42; Pleasant Hill, 10; Ruth, 35; Topisaw, 1; Union 3, Union Hall, 38; Wellman 66.

SANTA ROSA IS NO. 933

Santa Rosa Church in Hancock County is one of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Olyn S. Sims, who is a student at the New Orleans Seminary, is the pastor.

Gulf Coast Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: Big Ridge, 14; Biloxi, First, 248; Biloxi, Second, 44; Crane, 1; Gulfport, First, 591; Fernwood, 41; Gulfport, East Side, 5; Gulfport, Grace Memorial, 77; Handsboro, 50; Long Beach, 76; Mississippi City 2; New Hope, 32; Pass Christian, 47; Sharon, 1; West Gulfport, 18; Woolmarket, 14; Bay St. Louis, 74; Klin, 2; Logtown, 9; Santa Rosa, 20.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director

Box 530 - - - Phone 3-9106 - - - Jackson

MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

CHICKASAW COUNTY

The beer crowd in Chickasaw County has filed a petition calling for a local option beer election in an effort to vote beer back into Chickasaw County. The date for this election has been fixed for February 15th. It was my privilege to be in their county on the weekend of January 2nd. We had three great services that day—one in the First Baptist Church at Houston at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, at 2:30 in the afternoon in the Methodist Church at Houlika, and on Sunday night at the First Baptist Church, Okolona. Most all of the pastors are actively engaged in this all-out crusade against legalizing beer. Plans are being made for a great climax to this campaign the 1st and 2nd Sundays in February. Please pray for a glorious victory for God and righteousness in this election. Remember that prayer changes things.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

The Christian citizens of Lauderdale County are holding mass meetings every Friday night over the county. I was with them on Friday night, January 7th. The meeting was held at the 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian. This meeting lasted an hour and a half, and they had made arrangements for one full hour

Moultrie, Ga., in 1929. Since graduating from the seminary, Mr. Norman's major activities have been in the field of religious publishing. He served as field representative of the Baptist Reflector, Nashville Tenn.; assistant editor and manager, and later business manager, of the Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas; director of Moody Press, Chicago, and general manager of the Wm. Ferdman Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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MRS. CLETUS MCNEASE

On November 1948, God needed another jewel in heaven, so he called sweet and gentle Nell home.

She was 30 years old, and the wife of Cletus McNease, and the mother of two children. She also leaves her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daughdrill and five sisters.

Early in life she united with White Sand Church. Where as: God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from us a devoted and loyal member from the Mary Bass circle of the W. M. S.

Be it resolved:

First, we are thankful for the friendship and sweet association we have had with this fine Christian woman, and for her unselfish service to the cause of the Kingdom of God.

Whereas, although frail in body most of her life, strength and faith were a constant example and inspiration to all who knew her. In the hearts of her many friends, she leaves a memory too beautiful for words.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express our sympathy to the bereaved family and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

And further, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of our circle and a copy be sent to the family, also a copy be sent to the Baptist Record.

Respectfully submitted
MRS. TOM LANE
MRS. JOHN B. STAMPS

broadcast so that the message was heard not only in this church where a large crowd had gathered but also throughout the area. Such as they are doing is certain to bring about a better day for their county.

LOWNDES COUNTY

The Christian Citizens' League of Lowndes County held their regular monthly meeting in the Court House in Columbus Sunday afternoon, January 9th at 2:30. When I arrived, I found almost two hundred people gathered together for this mass meeting. They are pressing on toward the elimination of beer and the other vices growing out of the sale of beer from Lowndes County.

I was with Brother Glen Eric Wiley and the great First Baptist Church of Grenada on Sunday, January 9th, for the 11 o'clock service. We had a great hour. I thoroughly enjoy every contact with this great warm-hearted pastor and his good people.

ADAMS COUNTY

We rejoice to get a wonderful report from the work of the Christian Citizens' League in Adams County. They are breaking through the situation in Natchez. Everyone is urged to pray for God's people who are working for a clean-up in this city.

CLARKE COLLEGE TO HAVE FARM PROGRAM FEB. 3

A farm program, featuring M. P. "Hot" Moore, head of the "Circle M" Ranch, Senatobia, is being planned for Clarke Memorial College on February 3.

The day is to be full of good things. At 10:20 in the morning Dr. H. D. Bruce, President of East Texas Baptist College, is to close the session of the Missionary Institute. Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of "The Baptist Record," will be present in the afternoon and will speak to all the preachers on the campus at 2:30. A host of alumni will be on the campus and will have a conference at 1:45. Free lunch will be served.

"Hot" Moore is a nationally known cattle breeder. Cattlemen, farmers, public at large are invited to attend. county agents, businessmen and the Alec Taylor, outstanding Christian layman, of Louisville, Mississippi, head of Taylor Machine Works, will preside.

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Workers Among Deaf Organize To Increase Their Ministry

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— Workers among the deaf in Baptist churches in seven states attended an organizational meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Deaf Workers here. Dr. J. W. Gardner of Atlanta, Ga., an employee of the Baptist Home Mission Board, was elected president, and Mrs. William Lanham of Memphis, secretary, of the new group.

The session was held at First Church here where an interpreter has relayed Dr. R. Paul Caudill's sermons to the congregation at every service for more than three years.

Dr. Caudill, host to the conference, said the "work among the deaf we started on a full scale in October 1945 is just beginning."

Thursday, January 20, 1949

THE BAPTIST RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING
UNION ATTENDANCE
January 16, 1949

Crystal Springs	706	23
New Albany, First	555	158
Including Mission	581	181
West Laurel	428	120
Laurel, First	632	164
Newton	488	230
East Fork (Amite County)	101	42
Glenfield (Union County)	60	40
Oloh (Lamar County)	87	73
Brookhaven, First	1030	278
Zion Hill (Forrest County)	156	113
South Laurel	92	60
Friendship (Pike County)	162	71
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	115	78
East Moss Point	195	69
Pascagoula, First	490	139
Admiral Schley Mission	68	47
Kreole, First	131	93
Centerville	185	66
East Columbia	82	48
Union (Pearl River County)	176	133
Mt. Morgan (Hinds County)	36	40
Lucedale	309	110
Laurel, Second Avenue	434	132
Rocky Creek (George County)	193	104
Sharon (Jones County)	121	112
Columbus, First	930	268
Popular Springs (Simpson County)	116	105
Booneville, First	326	120
Gulfport, First	898	171
Brandon	264	64
Greenville, Second	227	73
Corinth, Tate Street	256	79
Providence (Forrest County)	164	91
McComb, Southside	236	46
Durant, First	212	68
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	83	102
Oral (Lebanon Association)	61	35
East McComb	463	245
Center (Union County)	131	43
DeLay	52	15
Holly Spring	41	29
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	61	36
Houka	99	43
Tupelo, Harrisburg	373	116
Chalybeate	55	32
Ridgeland (Madison County)	55	32
East Side (Rankin County)	81	69
Meridian, First	730	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	579	148
Meridian, Highland	539	150
Meridian, Southside	429	173
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	363	
Meridian, 41st Avenue	324	106
Meridian, Poplar Springs	290	72
Meridian, Oakland Heights	161	45
Meridian, Oak Grove	147	60
Meridian, Key Field Mission	57	
Jackson, First	1328	261
Jackson, Calvary	1320	259
Calvary Mission	30	18
Jackson, Parkway	723	179
Parkway Chapel	98	26
Jackson, Northside	501	153
Jackson, Van Winkle	465	265
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	280	112
Jackson, Elaine	117	57
Liberty, First	223	
Byram (Hinds County)	121	87
Oloh	84	82
Bethel (Copiah County)	141	102
Meridian, First	734	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	574	138
Meridian, Highland	532	156
Meridian, Southside	408	192
Meridian, Eight Avenue	348	87
Meridian, 41st Avenue	296	106
Meridian, Poplar Springs	292	
Meridian, Oakland Heights	148	47
Meridian, Oak Grove	140	69
Meridian, Key Field Mission	62	
Houka	101	33

January 9, 1949

Phillips Brothers Licensed

Charles and W. A. Phillips, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Phillips, were recently licensed to preach by the New Hope Church, Sunflower County, Rev. Claude Howe, pastor.

Charles is a freshman at Mississippi College. W. A. is a student in the Drew High School. Each of these young men deliver his first sermon in his home church.

Cooper Leads Steep Hollow
In Full-Time Program

REV. C. A. COOPER

Rev. C. A. Cooper, who was ordained by the Second Church, Bogalusa, in November, 1948, is leading Steep Hollow church, Pearl River County, in a fulltime program.

During the few months of Mr. Cooper's pastorate there have been six additions, five by baptism.

With the pastor living on the field the attendance has shown a large increase. Of the 111 enrolled in Sunday School, 109 were present on January 9. A Training Union has been organized and plans made for a study course in March.

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Bronze Plaque Given
Dr. D. M. Nelson

At a significant chapel service last Friday, a bronze plaque was presented to President Nelson to be placed in the new Administration Building. Exercises were in charge of Professor A. Donald Bell, Director of Public Relations. Dr. A. E. Wood, who has been on the faculty longer than any of the others reviewed the record and paid a tribute to President Nelson. Dean Howard E. Spell made the presentation speech and Dr. Kitchings led the prayer. Dr. Nelson accepted the plaque on behalf of the college and made an appropriate response.

The Choral Choir was grouped on the stage when the beautiful new curtain was swung open, and under the direction of Prof. E. N. Elsey, they sang several numbers among them the College Prayer hymn and the Alma Mater. Dr. Cox was at the organ and Mrs. Elsey at the new nine foot Baldwin grand piano.

The plaque has been hung in the front hall and bears the inscription;

"NELSON HALL
ADMINISTRATION and
AUDITORIUM

Named in Honor of Dotson McGinnis Nelson, President and Professor of Physics in Mississippi College since 1932 and previously on the Faculty for twenty one years."

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DR. H. PRESTON JAMES, PROFESSOR of History at Mississippi College attended the 44th annual session of the American Political Science Association which met in the Palmer House in Chicago during the holidays.

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American Bible Society
Offering, January 23REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR
FOREIGN SUMMER SERVICE

By William Hall Preston

Student volunteers for summer service have been invited to return to Hawaii for the third consecutive summer. The Hawaii Baptist Convention is requesting twelve consecrated college young people during the summer of '49 to do Vacation Bible School Work in the Rainbow Isles. These, along with those who are invited to work in Alaska and San Andres, will be sent by sacrificial gifts from students and others as their "over and above" love offering for missions.

Another selected group is responding to an invitation from the Baptists in Holland and other European countries to do a similar type of work among the young people there, engaging in missionary activities enroute to the World Baptist Youth Congress in Stockholm Sweden, August 3-9, and staying in the homes of the Baptist young people of these countries. These will largely provide for their own expenses.

Mississippi will be allowed to send two or three students if enough money is received. Students and are others now sending contributions to State Student Secretary Charles Torner, Box 530, Jackson.

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Wearing Out The Breeches

By Judge John W. McCall, President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention

There are two extremes in life. First, those who recklessly and needlessly today spend tomorrow's hope. Second, extend their credit in building for the tomorrows. The first is needless extravagance; the second is wisdom in action.

You, my city friends, doubtless have forgotten just what part of the harness is attached to the breeching. Well, the hold-back straps are attached thereto. On the farm I observed that a pulling mare never kicks.

I once heard of a neighbor whose mule died. On examining the harness worn by this animal, the neighbor found that the trace chains were in perfect shape; the mule had worn out the hold-back straps. That is just like some Christian leaders—they wear out the brakes against every proposed program of progress.

Calamity howlers are classified in two groups: First, those who do nothing for fear they will make a mistake; and second, those who are afraid to move because they think financial ruin is just ahead.

Where is the head of the house who will not extend his credit to provide a home for his loved ones? Where is the businessman who is afraid to obligate himself for needed factories to supply the demands of his trade? Where is

40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Jr.
40 YEARS AGO

Pastor P. I. Lipsey reports "a great blessing" from a mission rally embracing five Sundays in the Clinton Baptist church, with the following speakers: J. E. Wills new missionary to China; T. F. McCrea home from China; C. C. Watkins for twenty years in Mexico; T. B. Ray from Japan; and W. H. Smith, editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. About twenty young people expressed willingness to become missionaries, and \$1100 was laid on the altar for Foreign Missions.

—25 YEARS AGO

John W. Saunders and other interested friends of the Orphanage in Jackson provided at the Country Club a beautiful and bountiful laden Christmas tree for the children and staff—"nearly 500 happy hearts." Transportation also was provided in cars to and from the scene where "the children were served fruit, candy, cakes and Eskimo pies to their hearts' content."

A group of the members of the Magee Baptist church rendered a beautiful Christmas program titled "Bethlehem" at the Sanatorium for the convalescent patients. J. L. Boyd was the pastor.

The W. M. S. of the Columbus Baptist church presented to the Orphanage a set of 14 dozen knives, forks, teaspoons "with table spoons and butterknives to follow." It was "the most handsome donation the Orphanage has ever received." Messrs. Green and Kennington presented as a Christmas gift \$12.80 to each of 43 of the old girls of the Orphanage "to spend as they choose."

the political leader who refuses to sell bonds and build educational institutions for the Public? Does God's Kingdom Program demand less?

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True, there are dangers ahead, but I have faith in the hope of tomorrow, and I have faith in you my Christian brethren. May the faith of each of us be increased in him who teaches us to "Fear not." Indeed "Baptists are on the march."

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MEET THE TRAINING UNION STAFF



MISS LOUISE HILL

Miss Louise Hill, whose picture we show above, home address Louisville, Miss. came to the Training Union Department in the spring of 1944 and has endeared herself to hundreds of individuals, young and old, as she has given herself to helping the lost to find Christ, and in giving encouragement and vision to young and growing Christians. Miss Hill is charged with promoting both the Young People's and Intermediate work in the state, and has found favor with our southwide training union department to the extent she is called on to help for the full Training Union Assembly program at Ridgecrest in the Intermediate department of the work. She will conduct the drills for young people and intermediates in the district conventions. A statement regarding the Intermediate Sword Drill is given below. If you want the tract giving the drills to be used at the convention, drop a card to the Department of Training Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

Eupora Intermediates Enjoy Christmas Banquet

The Eupora Intermediate union was entertained in the home of their leader, Miss Mary Glen Latham with a banquet during the Christmas holidays. Guests drew places at the table for the first course and exchanged places for the desert course. Turkey with all the trimmings made up the menu. Each guest was given a program place card. The program was singing of Christmas Carols in unison; Misses Lucy Brannon, Carolyn Embry, and Annie Lynn Reedy sang two Christmas numbers. A reading was given by Frankie McCarter followed by a clever Christmas Quiz. Brother J. R. Reedy, their pastor brought a message on "Joy" and announced at the close of the banquet that if they would achieve forty-five quality points for January and February he would be host to another banquet for them. . . . Get your turkey ready Brother Reedy! !

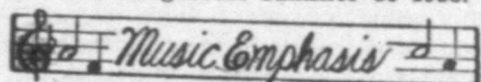
The Intermediate Sword Drill To Be Held In Each District Training Union Convention

The leaflet, available upon request, on the Intermediate Sword Drill contains all the drills that have been in the quarterlies for the last two quarters

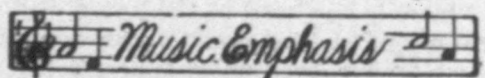
of 1948 and the first two quarters of 1949. These are the drills we will use in our District Training Union Convention. We are not interested in developing just one individual to the exclusion of all others. We desire greatly that each leader will make much of the sword drill all through the year, training ALL the members in the use of the Bible.

The plan for our contest is for the union to select two swordsmen, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score. They will represent the church in the Associational Elimination Contest. The winners there, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score will represent the association in the District Convention. The winners, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score at the District Convention will enter the State Intermediate Sword Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention, December 29-30, 1949. For the State Convention Sword Drill, we will use the drills given in the quarterlies January 1—December 31, 1949. The unfinished quotation drills will be the memory verses for all of 1949. If your association does not have an elimination contest, your church winners, a boy and a girl, not two girls or two boys, may come to the District Convention and take part in the drill.

The Intermediate who wins first place in the State Convention will be eligible to represent Mississippi in the Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill at Ridgecrest summer of 1950.



The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy—Job 38:7 "Let all the people sing" was a motto used by the late Luther A. Harrison whom we all loved and whose memory we cherish. Brother Harrison, in the few years he was privileged to work with us, setting up the Music Department and promoting this program so vigorously and so successfully, had the people singing, and singing the songs of faith, love, hope and challenge. We of the Training Union Department do not hope to take his place, nor do we feel that we could surpass his promotional program even though we had been given sufficient funds with which to promote a full time music program, but we will in the best way we can continue to emphasize "Let all the people sing" and in order to do that we shall enlarge the Music Emphasis



our department has been giving all along. As already announced, we are tying into our Training Union the Hymn Playing and the Ensemble and have prepared a sheet that explains the process. This was given in the Baptist Record January 6th and a copy will be sent to any who request it from the Training Union Department Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss. All former printed materials are to be disregarded. The new plans were necessary in order for us to include the music in our program, and it was not until December 6th that we were asked by our State Convention Board to assume this added opportunity of service.

Reports High 'Mortality' Among Missions Volunteers

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. —(RNS)— Only one out of every seven volunteers for mission work becomes a missionary, Dr. E. K. Higdon, executive secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, told the 55th annual meeting here of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Dr. Higdon attributed the high "mortality" rate largely to the fact that many volunteers respond for emotional reasons.

"Too many volunteers are motivated superficially," he said. "Quite often emotion plays too prominent a part in the decision to become mission-

aries."

The difficulties of living in a foreign country, he said, also explained why so many volunteers dropped out of missionary work.

As a means of reducing the "mortality" rate, Dr. Higdon recommended that every volunteer be interviewed by a psychologist.

"Many times a psychologist can find out more about the candidate than the board of recruitment officers," he said.

Decisions to become missionaries, he urged, should be reached not later than the sophomore year in college.

"This allows an adequate period for preparation and for acquiring a thorough understanding of the job they are to perform," he asserted.



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Sparks & Splinters

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Perry, Greenville; Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Mason, Meridian; Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Hattiesburg; W. K. Smith, Columbus; A. C. Thomas, Shreveport, La.; B. B. Hall, Natchez; J. B. Castilow and Patricia Gail, Grenada; Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Grenada, and Rev. R. A. Hancock, Clinton.

REV. H. L. COURTNEY, PASTOR OF Beacon Church in Laurel for the past two years, has resigned, effective immediately, to return to Calvary Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana, where he was pastor for seven years just prior to his coming to Beacon Church.

PRESIDENT D. M. NELSON AND Dean Howard E. Spell have returned from New York where they represented Mississippi College in the meeting of the American Association of Colleges and Universities of which Mississippi College is a member. Dr. Spell also attended the meeting of the American Association of Academic Deans which held its meetings in the Hotel Commodore last week. Mississippi College is fortunate in holding membership in the National Association and of being on the approved list of every accrediting agency, state, regional and National, thus making it easy for her pupils to transfer to any college in the Nation.

DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL, PRO- fessor of Philosophy, represented Mississippi College last week in the Centennial Philosophy Conference held at the University of Mississippi.

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IF YOU HAVE WONDERED IF THE President reads all of his mail, the White House has just announced that during 1948, President Truman received 180,465 telegrams, 562,000 letters, 770,000 postcards, and 255,000 miscellaneous pieces of mail.

THE 1949 BUDGET OF THE FIRST Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, Dr. W. Herschel Ford, Pastor, is the largest in the history of the Church, amounting to \$120,087.50. To date 898 pledges have been received amounting to \$135,000.00. This probably sets a record per pledge among Southern Baptist Churches.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, PROFES- sor Ellis Neece Elsey, Director of Music represented Mississippi College in the National Association of Schools of Music which met in Chicago. He also attended the Music Teachers Association of America while there.

NEW ORLEANS — REV. H. A. HUN- derup, Jr. former Mississippi pastor has resigned his work as field representative of the Southern Baptist Relief Center to accept the pastorate of the Third Street Baptist Church of New Orleans. While serving his new pastorate he will resume his studies at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

DR. FRANKLIN T. WALKER, HEAD of the English Department at Mississippi College recently attended the College English Association held in Columbia University, and while in New York also attended the meeting of the modern Language Association.

SECOND CHURCH, KOSCIUSKO, helped the Baptist Record over the \$3,000 mark. Ben Odom, Jr., sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Rev. David S. Homan is the pastor.

CROOKED CREEK CHURCH, LAW- rence County, where Rev. B. E. Phillips has been pastor for 24 years, has completed five Sunday School rooms (debt free) and used them for the first time on January 16. At this service there was one addition by baptism.

PASTOR M. GLENN SMITH, FRIEND- ship Church, Pike County, recently taught the book of John during the Bible Study course held in the church. On the closing night refreshments were served.

WE ARE GRIEVED TO LEARN THAT Editor John Arch McMillan, editor of Charity and Children (Orphanage Paper of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanages), passed away on the morning of January 6. North Carolina Baptists are going to miss Brother McMillan.

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REV. D. W. NIX, MISSISSIPPIAN and now pastor of Second Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana is leading his church in a fine way. They are now in the beginning of a building program with \$8,000 cash on hand, and they hope to begin the building by the middle of the year.

PRAGUE —(RNS)— CZECH CLERGY- men are barred from receiving ration cards for new shoes and clothing under government regulations which limit the privilege to regularly employed workers, according to Lindova Demokracie, organ of the Czechoslovak Popular Party. Since clergymen are not included in the category of employed persons, they must buy their clothes in the future at free market prices several times higher than those charged for rationed commodities, the newspaper said.

SALT LAKE CITY —(RNS)— MORE THAN 5,000 men and women are now serving the Latter-day Saints Church as missionaries, it was announced at Church headquarters here. Franklin J. Murdock, missions secretary, said this figure represents an all-time high for the Mormon denomination. He added that 2,000 of these missionaries are preaching the Gospel abroad.

Brother James A. Bryant, pastor of South McComb Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi (who rose to rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the chaplaincy, trained in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) has agreed to be my field representative in the south. Colonel Bryant will retain his pastorate where God has so richly blessed, but will help set up cooperation revival campaigns for me where pastors and churches desire his aid in planning and organizing and enlisting for such campaigns, in some 350 miles of McComb. Brother Bryant would want me to say that neither he nor I will compromise sacred convictions, but will work with Bible-believing churches and pastors in seeking to revive God's people and turn hundreds of sinners to Christ. Brother Bryant asks that inquiries from interested pastors be addressed to him at 1104 Witterman, McComb, Mississippi. — John R. Rice, evangelist.

As Christians we are witnesses of Christ's gospel in personal evangelism and in the support of representative missions around the world. There are no antimissionary Christians. Again, what a privilege to bear testimony to Christ's comfort. Surely this old world needs comfort—in illness, in distress, in trouble. Most of us have experienced such need and have found Christ the satisfying source of comfort; it is our privilege to bear testimony of that fact. — John L. Hill in The Sunday School Builder.

BILOXI INTERMEDIATES HAVE BTU BANQUET



Shown above are the Intermediates of First Church, Biloxi, who attended the recent banquet. Sgt. Arthur Mc-Bee, director of the Intermediate Training Union department, had charge of the banquet and was assisted by T-Sgt. and Mrs. S. M. Davenport, P. C. Vick, Mrs. S. C. Hemmings, Mrs. R. Crager, and Mrs. J. H. Hurst.

Pfc. John Rose directed the singing, accompanied by Alma Hodge. Pfc. Rose also made the after - dinner speech on Christian Character Habits.

Intermediates present were: Bertha Jan Barnette, Jackie Vick, Janice Felsner, Kenneth Blakenship, Sue Foster, Betty Sue Gumm, Lewis Hood III, Judy Ewing, Bobby Gryder, Debora Hurst, Jo Ann Billings, Clarence Bree-love, Pat Hemmings, Jack Hamby, Peggy Hathorn, Tommy Hamby, Melba Herring, E. G. Caldwell, Jeanell Goff.

The pastor, Dr. G. C. Hodge, and his wife, Charlotte Ann Davenport and Marie Latil, Training Union Director were guests.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 24—Mrs. Van East, Benton Association Training Union Director; Miss Frances Townsend, Clarke College faculty.

January 25—Miss Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary, State W. M. U. Department, Jackson; S. C. Rhy, Hattiesburg, State Training Union Convention Vice-President.

January 26—J. M. Foy, Sunday School Superintendent, Jones County Association; Joe McCollough, President, District VIII Brotherhood.

January 27—Miss Lurline Stewart, BSU Faculty Advisor, Hinds Junior College; J. B. Parker, Department of Institutional Visitation, Baptist Building.

January 28—Mrs. J. C. Huffman, Dieti- tian, Baptist Orphanage; Joe Hudson, Convention Board member, Jeff Davis County.

January 29—Ralph Reeves, Brotherhood President, Pike County Association; Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson, Mississippi Baptist Hospital trustee.

January 30—W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg, Mississippi Education Commission; C. D. Shields, Meridian, Clark College trustee.

BAPTISTS GET PERMITS FOR FM STATIONS

DALLAS, Tex. —(RNS)— Construction permits for two proposed FM radio stations being promoted by the Baptist General Convention of Texas have been granted by the Federal Communications Commission, it was announced here.

According to the announcement, the stations are planned as part of a proposed network which will promote religion on the air. Baptist groups plan stations at Beaumont, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Plainview, Houston and Abilene, in addition to Dallas and San Antonio. An FM station has already started broadcasting from Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton.

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NATCHEZ PROTESTANT HOME SEEKS \$200,000

The Natchez Protestant Home which is said to be the oldest orphanage in the South is inaugurating a campaign to raise \$200,000 for much needed improvements.

Not being acquainted with the work of this institution, the editor of the Baptist Record asked Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor of the First church, Natchez, who lives in the same town where the home is located, to give some information about the home. His letter follows:

"Dear Dr. Goodrich,
Thank you for your inquiry in regard to a letter which you say you received from Natchez Protestant Home soliciting help in an effort to raise \$200,000.00 for a new building.

"Natchez Protestant Home had its beginning March 1, 1861. It is the oldest orphanage in the South, and there are only two older in the United States. Long before similar institutions were established elsewhere this Home was receiving orphaned children from all over Mississippi and some other Southern states and territories. It has had a glorious history. Quietly it is now doing better work, perhaps, than ever.

For many years it has been supported mainly by Baptists, Jews, and Protestants in Natchez. Five members of the present Board of Managers are members of our First Baptist Church here. Members of our congregation have always contributed very liberally of their time and money. Incidentally the first teacher to be employed to teach "charity children" in the Home was a Baptist minister, the Reverend Benjamin Davis, October, 1816.

"I assume that the letter you received explained the dire need for the new building. Of course this appeal to charity has my personal approval and endorsement. I believe that Natchez Protestant Home is "A plant which the Lord hath planted." It is my hope that many individuals and groups among our Baptist People will find it in their hearts to give help to this needy and worthy cause.

Your brother,

W. A. SULLIVAN

Those desiring to make a contribution should send their gift to The Natchez Protestant Home, Natchez, Miss.

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Mississippi Hospital For Incurables To Open Soon

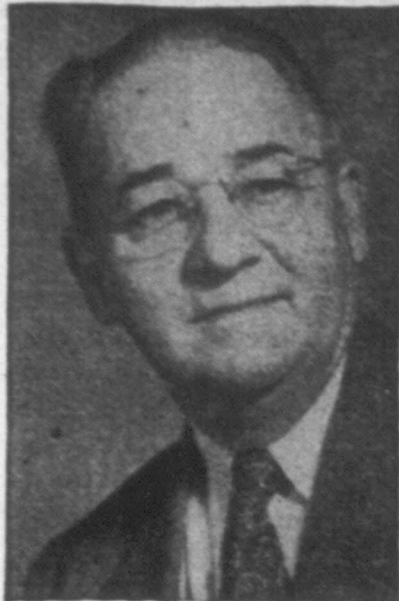
The first unit of 20 beds is now available at Matty Hersee Hospital, in Meridian. Before placing into operation a cash deposit in the Hospital Account in the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Meridian, Mississippi is required, sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the entire 20 bed unit for 12 months, or \$43,800.00.

Estimated cost per patient or bed is \$6.00 per day or \$2,190.000 per year. Appreciation to individuals, Churches, business establishments or organizations supporting one patient for one full year is to be shown by placing their name on the door of their room with an appropriate statement of their good citizenship.

A patient's entrance qualification is a written certification by a licensed physician that the petitioner is (1). chronically ill and incurable, (2). of sound mind, (3). not afflicted by a contagious disease.

Make your checks and money orders payable to Mississippi Hospital for Incurables, c-o Merchants and Farmers Bank, Meridian. Rev. N. R. Stone is president.

E. Powell Lee Goes With Home Board To Organize Associations, Direct Music in Revivals



REV. E. POWELL LEE

Rev. E. Powell Lee, who began his work with the Home Mission Board January 1, is well known to many Southern Baptists, especially those east of the Mississippi River. Born in Georgia, he is one of a family of thirteen children. He has been active in the work of gospel music since early childhood. At the age of two years he stood on a box and sang the diatonic scale. He became a conductor of music at seven years of age and taught music at the age of seventeen.

He received his college training at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. While attending the Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, he conducted the choir of the Walnut Street Baptist Church for two years.

Mr. Lee has served as Musical and Educational Director in the following churches: First, Selma Alabama; Southside, Birmingham, Alabama; First, Macon, Georgia; Second, Little Rock, Arkansas; First, Raleigh, North Carolina; First, Miami, Florida; First, Anderson, South Carolina; and First, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lee served as song leader and instructor in music in World War I and was with the Army and Navy YMCA in USO during World War II.

At Mercer University with Dr. Weaver, he was professor in the School of Religion, teaching Sacred Music, Evangelism and Church Efficiency.

Mr. Lee's work in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board will be crusade organization and music. He will organize associations and will direct the music in revivals as well as the music in the conferences throughout the South. He and Mrs. Lee will make their home in Dallas.

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Sullivan To Lecture At Winnsboro

Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor of the First Church, Natchez, is to be one of the featured speakers of the Bible conference at Winnsboro, Louisiana, March 8-10, according to an announcement by Dr. C. B. Hall, pastor of the First Church, Winnsboro.

Dr. Sullivan is one of Mississippi's outstanding Bible scholars and is in great demand for Bible conferences and lecture engagements. He plans to use the Gospel of John as a basis for the series of lectures.

ANNOUNCE REA PROGRAM All Sessions To Be Held At Mississippi Woman's College

The Educational Directors, Assistant and Associate Pastors, Church Secretaries, Educational Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, Music and Recreational Directors, Student Secretaries, Church Librarians, Teachers of Bible and Religious Education, and Field Workers in the Baptist life of Mississippi will convene at Woman's College, Hattiesburg, February 3-4 for the third annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association. The program is as follows:

Thursday Afternoon

1:30-1:45—Worship in Song, Scripture, and Prayer — V. L. Bassett, New Albany.

1:45-1:55—Welcome to Woman's College — President I. E. Rouse.

1:55-2:05—Response, Greetings, and Introductions.

2:05-2:35—"What Constitutes an Effective Educational Program in a Baptist Church?" — S. C. Ray, Hattiesburg.

2:35-3:00—Song.

3:00-3:05—Introduction of out-of-state speaker — Rev. W. L. Day, Louisville.

3:05-3:35—Address — Mr. J. Earl Mead, Dallas.

3:35-3:55—Open Discussion.

3:55-4:45—Simultaneous Conferences.

(1) Educational Directors, Assistant and Associate Pastors — Otis Seal, Columbus.

(2) Church, Educational, and Financial Secretaries — Miss Evelyn Crooke, Meridian.

(3) Student Secretaries — Charles Horner, Jackson.

(4) Music and Recreational Directors — Reid Moore, Jackson.

(5) Church Librarians — Mrs. Genevieve J. Day, Jackson.

(6) Teachers of Bible and Religious Education — Dr. Norman O'Neal, Clinton.

(7) Field Workers — W. O. Morgan, Jackson.

Thursday Evening

6:30-7:30—Banquet: Riley Munday, Toastmaster.

7:30-7:50—"Keeping Your Church in the News" — Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Jackson.

7:50-8:05—Open Discussion.

8:05-8:25—"How the Student Secretary Helps Promote the Educational Program in the College Church" — Charles Horner, Jackson.

8:25-8:40—Open Discussion.

8:40-9:10—Address — Mr. J. Earl Mead.

9:10-10:00—Fellowship.

Friday Morning

8:30-8:45—Worship in Song, Scripture, and Prayer — V. L. Bassett, New Albany.

8:45-9:00—"Church Libraries are a Must" — Mrs. Genevieve J. Day, Jackson.

9:00-9:10—Open Discussion.

9:10-9:25—"What Our Church is Doing for its Young People" — George Moseley, Crystal Springs.

9:25-9:30—Open Discussion.

9:30-9:45—"Using Graded Choirs in Religious Education" — Billy S. Hilburn, Gulfport.

9:45-9:50—Open Discussion.

10:00-10:30—Woman's College Chapel Period.

10:00-10:05—Song and Prayer.

10:05-10:10—Dr. I. E. Rouse.

10:10-10:30—"The Baptist Student Union — Its Plan and Purpose" — Charles Horner, Jackson.

10:30-10:35—Song.

10:35-10:50—"The Work of the Church Secretary" — Miss Julia Mate Martin, Laurel.

10:50-11:00—Open Discussion.

11:11-11:15—"Week-Day Christian Education" — Cecil Lea, Hattiesburg.

11:15-11:25—Open Discussion.

11:25-12:00—Address — Mr. J. Earl Mead.

12:00—Lunch and Adjourn.

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GIRLS' AUXILIARY FOCUS WEEK February 6-12

It's time to turn the lights on the 9 to 16 year old daughters in the W. M. U. family! G. A. Focus Week is a ONCE-A-YEAR SPECIAL. That's why it is so important that EACH of the 7 days be used effectively.

WHAT IS FOCUS WEEK?

It's a time to put Girls' Auxiliary's "best foot forward" and let the entire church know the G. A.'s are ALIVE and GOING FORWARD; it's a time to specialize in worthwhile ways of honoring the girls in each community; it's a time to recognize accomplishments of the past and to plan for mission-minded gains in the future; it's a time to strengthen the ties of G. A. membership and to cultivate the interest and attendance of others.

HOW CAN FOCUS WEEK BE OBSERVED?

The details of this answer will vary. Focus Week should meet a NEED—and needs vary with each Auxiliary and church. In planning for this week, give attention to the ACTUAL NEEDS of your community. Your results will be amazing!

Counselors Directors, ALL who share in this planning: LOOK AT YOUR OWN SITUATION! What does YOUR church need to know about G. A.? What needs to be emphasized in YOUR G. A.? What type of activity would best honor YOUR group of girls?

While questioning yourself, look for helps among these hints:

1. Why not a THOUGHT-OF-OTHERS day? Cards to the sick... visits to shut-ins... helpfulness at school... kindness at home... awareness of sorrow and need... THESE need to be done, motivated by LOVE.

2. Had you thought of COLLECTING? Collect MUCH NEEDED CLOTHES for the cold and homeless people of the world. Send clothes to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 610 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, 19, La. Collect COUPONS; they turn into money for the benefit of Camp Garaywa and the Baptist Orphanage. Collect these brands; Octagon, Borden's, Rumford, Jersey, Lux, Liane, Obelisk, Mrs. Filbert's. Mail coupons to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

3. Have you included CORRESPONDENCE in your Focus Week Plans? Correspond with: A). A MISSIONARY having same birthday as G. A. member See file copies of "The Commission" for list of birthdays; B). CHINESE GIRLS' AUXILIARIES in the state. (Write the State Young People's Secretary for names); C. INDIAN GIRLS' AUXILIARIES in the state (Write for names, as above).

4. Did you read the Focus Week ideas in February "World Comrade"? See pages 1 and 2 of that magazine for additional hints.

As you prepare for Focus Week, look IN to search your own heart; UP to find strength for each responsibility; and OUT to see and to help meet the needs around you, through a GREATER MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION FOR GIRLS!

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THE OAKDALE W. M. S. met on January 10 to study the duties of each officer. Mrs. Whitley, the oldest W. M. S. member, taught the Year Book. Having only one absent, the members were all challenged by the watchword "Laborers together with God." The reporter, Mrs. M. C. Myers says they expect to have a successful year after this profitable study.